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DEMOCRATIC FRONT IN ACTION ON DECISIONS REACHED LAST WEEK

The Democratic Front moved forward over the week-end following the unprecedented meeting of President Roosevelt and Mr Churchill at sea. As soon as the leaders returned to their countries action on their decisions began to flow.

In Washington the President consulted on French ties with the Axis, presumably to reach understanding on the period in the progress of these relations that would bring an answer from the United States.

The next move by the President is a meeting with Congressional leaders to discuss another Lend-Lease appropriation under the bill designed to extend aid to Britain without waiting for the British to pay in cash for the goods.

Demarche To Iran To Remove Nazi Menace

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Aug. 17 (UP).—Authoritative sources report that British and Soviet representatives have sent a demarche to the Government of Iran to "take effective measures" to remove the German menace.

Reports Denied
TEHERAN, Aug. 17 (Reuter).—The official newspaper "Iran" today categorically denies foreign reports that a number of Iranians with "certain foreign agents" were hatching a plot against the regime.

According to these reports, a plot to be carried out in the middle of August was discovered and some conspirators had been arrested and executed, and that the law was keeping the incident secret.

Dismissing the reports as "insultary," the newspaper said that one would never find a single Iranian who was not attached to the principles of the Government, or who would be the instrument for the execution of the bad intentions of others. Provocations had not had the least effect on the unity and patriotism of the Iranians.

STRANDED NATIONALS

Japanese Request

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Aug. 17 (UP).—The Asahi Shinbun today publishes an item from San Francisco saying that the Japanese Consul General, Mr. Muto has left for Washington upon instructions from the Japanese Ambassador, Admiral Nomura to discuss the question of dispatching a special boat to evacuate Japanese nationals from the United States.

The Japanese officials have granted permission to several Americans to ship passage for Shanghai from Japan.

Portuguese Passes On

Mr. E. E. Osmund

Mr. Ernest Edgar Osmund, age 57, a long-time member of the Hongkong Portuguese community, died at his residence at No. 1, Liberty Avenue, Homantin, yesterday after a long illness.

The late Mr. Osmund worked in Messrs Jardine, Matheson's Insurance Department for 35 years and retired not long ago.

He is survived by three brothers, Messrs A. F. G.H. and G.Y. Osmund and four sisters Mrs. A. Pereira, L.F. Lopes (Shanghai), Mrs. J. Bernardo and Mrs. C. M. Alves. He was the uncle of Mr. A.J. Osmund, the prominent local billiard player.

The funeral will pass the Monument at 5.30 p.m. to-day.

Japan Extends Freezing Order

TOKYO, Aug. 17 (Reuter).—About 1,000 British and American patents will be affected by the extension of the scope of the Japanese freezing order announced to-day, according to "Domei."

The new measure prohibits the withdrawal from Japan of money derived from the use of patent rights by firms belonging to those countries against which the freezing order is aimed. The transfer of sales of patents is regulated.

Bangkok Denies Report Smearing Gt Britain

BANGKOK, Aug. 17 (Reuter).—There is no truth whatever in the foreign news report that Britain has demanded from the Thai Government the control of the Aranya-Prades railway-line and that in case of non-compliance Britain would threaten her with forcible measures, says a communique.

(The Aranya-Prades railway terminus is 150 miles due east of Bangkok on the old Thai-Indo-China frontier).

Japanese Everywhere
BANGKOK, Aug. 17 (Reuter).—It is said that from Bangkok down to Songkla one sees Japanese everywhere, says a writer in "Suppa-

In Moscow the British signed up an agreement to exchange goods on credit and on clearing. The agreement was made between belligerents but the United States is also pursuing a course of assistance to the Soviet Union.

President Returns

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17 (Reuter).—When the Potomac returned to Rockland, it seemed to have an anti-aircraft gun conspicuously mounted aft on the upper deck.

It was also noticed that Mr. Harry Hopkins landed wearing a new hat given him by Mr. Churchill. It is a light grey soft hat, much too large.

Asked by reporters at a Press conference aboard whether he intended to give a radio broadcast chat regarding the conversations with Mr. Churchill, the President replied that "it is up to you fellows. If you give the country an exceedingly correct picture I shall not go on."

Conference With Hull

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt, immediately on returning, summoned Mr. Cordell Hull for a conference.

French Ties

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17 (Reuter).—It is understood that President Roosevelt has discussed with Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, at the White House on the international situation, particularly as regards French ties with Germany and the Far East crisis.

Another Appropriation

To-morrow, Congressional leaders will meet President Roosevelt, probably to discuss another Lend-Lease appropriation of upwards of \$10,000,000,000.

Anglo-Russian Treaty

LONDON, Aug. 17 (Reuter).—Signature took place in Moscow on August 16, 1941, of an agreement to exchange goods on credit and on clearing between the U.S.S.R. and the British Government.

The agreement provides for supplies of considerable quantities of British goods to the U.S.S.R. as well as a supply of Soviet goods to the United Kingdom.

Under the agreement, the British Government grants the U.S.S.R. credit of £10 millions at a rate of 3 per cent. for an average period of five years. When this credit is exhausted, the two Governments will enter into negotiations for a further amount.

The agreement was signed on behalf of the Soviet Government by the People's Commissar of Foreign Trade, M. A. Mikoyan, and for the British Government by Sir Stafford Cripps.

Russians Turning Dnieper Bend Battle Into Second Smolensk

Special to the "Telegraph"

MOSCOW, Aug. 17.—The latest Russian communique again speaks of fighting all along the front and precise information is lacking. "But the impression in Moscow is that the big German thrust in the Ukraine is slowing down owing to fierce Russian resistance, and it is conceivable that the Dnieper river bend defence will become another "Smolensk."

What the Russians have abandoned so far does not appear vitally essential and the German claim of the capture of Krivoloig, the iron ore centre, has not been confirmed.

An indication that the fighting is slightly slowing down is provided by the relatively small Russian figures of both Russian and German air losses. During the fiercest moments of the Smolensk battle, these ran into many dozens daily.

Although the Germans possess Smolensk itself, it has cost them heavy losses and a mortal blow of vital importance—namely a demonstration of failure of the blitzkrieg.

At the end of June, German Army orders confidently instructed tank and other units what they must do after the road to Moscow had been broken open. Actually the German are stuck against Smolensk.

Tanks Wiped Out

Details have already been published about the numerous German tank divisions totally or partly wiped out in this fierce 30-day moving battle, in the course of which it is now stated in the "Red Star" by Lieutenant-General Yermenyuk, the town of Smolensk changed hands several times.

General Yermenyuk writes: "A thousand German tanks, after triumphal marches across Europe and the Balkan states, have as a result of the Smolensk battle, been burnt and knocked out, by artillery or blown up. This has severely weakened the spirit of the German infantry which greatly prefers to advance under cover of the armoured units."

Americans' Ordeal In China

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SHANGHAI, Aug. 17 (UP).—Japanese authorities have informed the United States Consul General that the Japanese yesterday released nine Americans who were being held at Tsinghsien, Kiangsu.

The others involved are Dr. and Mrs. P. C. Vinson of Galveston, Texas; Miss Jessie Hall, Wilmington, N.C.; and Miss Mary McCowan, whose home town in Virginia is not known.

Meanwhile, missionaries have received a letter from Miss Lillian Wells, supervisor of the mission saying that she is safe and not ill treated; however, she is confined to her home. She asserted that the Americans at Hweilin were confined for one week to the upper story of one residence which was very closely guarded and insufficient food was available. Miss Wells quoted the Japanese officials as saying that the hospital had been closed and the foreigners placed in custody "in retaliation for American anti-Japanese actions."

Harbouring Communists

The Japanese Army Press Bureau reports that the American Presbyterian Mission at Hweilin sent a letter to the Japanese officials admitting that the hospital was used to harbour members of the Chinese Fourth Route army of which nineteen wounded soldiers were permitted to escape prior to Japanese occupation of the city. The report said that the members of the staff of the hospital supplied military information to the Communists and also that the missionaries had apologised for their actions and promised that there would be no recurrence.

HARRISON FORMAN!

Still Says Hongkong Has Ostrich Complex

Harrison Forman, American radio commentator now in Hongkong as special observer for the National Broadcasting Company, replied to his local critics when he went again on the air this morning. He still thinks that most of the time Hongkong has its head in the sand.

Imperial War Cabinet Is Advocated

WELLINGTON, Aug. 17 (Reuter).—Opinion that an imperial war cabinet might be useful in affording the opportunity of direct examination of the actualities of conflict was expressed by Mr. Walter Nash, Acting Premier of New Zealand, when explaining that Mr. Peter Fraser, the Prime Minister, was remaining in London for a few days to confer with the British War Cabinet, as the New Zealand Government thought that it might be helpful to Mr. Churchill and his colleagues to hear the Dominion's views.

It is understood, however, that New Zealand has not pressed that British Government for the establishment of an Imperial War Cabinet.

POLISH WOMEN STRANDED

Thirteen young Polish women, who reached Australia with a large number of English children, and who were taken prisoner by German raiders when the 15,000-ton ship on which they were returning to England was sunk in the Pacific, are to be given asylum in Australia.

The Minister for the Interior, Senator H. S. Foll, signed the authority recently for the women to remain in Australia.

LATEST

Soviets Admit Evacuation

MOSCOW, Aug. 17 (Reuter).—The Soviet midnight communique announced the evacuation of Nikolaiyev and Krivoloig.

The communique also announces that during August 17 Russian troops continued fierce fighting against the enemy along the entire front.

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VICHY RETURNS MORE PRISONERS

CAIRO, Aug. 17 (Reuter).—About 50 more British officers and N.C.O.s who were sent out of Syria by the Vichy authorities, have now returned to Beirut from Toulon where they had been held prisoners.

A certain number of junior Vichy officers who are retained with General Dentz, former High Commissioner in Syria, in Jerusalem, will be repatriated in return, but General Dentz and his senior officers will be held until the remaining British prisoners—who number about 35—it is understood—are released.

The new arrivals say that they were taken from Salonika to Toulon in four—class—accommodation.

aboard the liner Theophila Gautier. The food was bad, the quarters were bug-infested and the officers were forced to do their own washing-up. The Captain rejected their complaints in offensive terms and was generally hostile. At Toulon, the officers and men were jumbled together in quarters, which like those on board ship, were verminous. They were given little to eat save vegetables but made no complaint on this as soon as they discovered that French civilians fared no better. On the return trip to Beirut, there was an improvement in their treatment.

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West's double of one no trump in the old system was for a takeout, but even then there was a strong invitation for partner to pass and thereby convert it into a penalty double. The new system goes even further. The double itself is of the penalty variety and partner should

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Sicily and North Africa Raked by Royal Air Force

CAIRO, Aug. 17 (Reuter).—A successful raid on Sicily on Friday night was reported in the R.A.F. communique to-day which states:

"Sicily: Heavy R.A.F. bombers carried out a successful raid on the port of Catania during Friday night, and many bombs were dropped on the central mole, railway stations, Customs buildings and warehouses, causing one large fire and many small ones.

Later, an explosion occurred when the flames were rising to a height of 800 feet and were visible for 70 miles. Sweeps were made by fighters over southern Sicily yesterday but no combat resulted.

"Cyrenaica: During Friday night R.A.F. bombers raided aerodromes at Berka and Benina, and the ports of Bardia and Benghazi. At Benina direct hits were registered on hangars and administrative buildings. Control offices were set on fire, and there were a number of explosions. "At Berka, grounded aircraft were attacked. Aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm, supported by R.A.F. bombers, successfully raided Bardia and bombed shipping at Benghazi.

Tobruk

"Enemy gun positions south of our positions at Tobruk were subjected to a heavy bombardment by the combined forces of the R.A.F. and South African Air Force bombers and fighters. "Our fighters intercepted and damaged an Italian bomber off Cambrat.

Malta

"Malta: Malta was raided on Friday night but with only minor damage. From all these operations, only one of our aircraft is missing.

MEXICO-BRITAIN Renewed Relations Advocated

Mexico City, Aug. 17. The restoration of diplomatic relations between Britain and Mexico is urged in a resolution passed by the majority group in the Mexican Senate.

The statement says: "At this grave moment of the collapse of the human values of civilization, the restoration of diplomatic relations between Mexico and Britain would be a logical step between two countries which cherish ideals of democracy and would constitute effective reinforcement of the line of defence of these ideals."—Reuter.

London, Aug. 17. As regards the Mexican Senate resolution, it is revealed that diplomatic relations between Mexico and Britain were suspended in May 1938 following a dispute over the expropriation by the Mexican Government of British-owned oil fields in Mexico.—Reuter.

Bowlers On Top In Matches At Home

LONDON, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—While bowlers dominated the Lord's match between the R.A.F. and Sir Pelham Warner's eleven, the inter-county game at Trent-briar brought two centuries.

Nottinghamshire declared with 209 for four wickets and Leicestershire lost two wickets for 55 in the available time, the game being drawn. The first two Nottingham wickets fell cheaply but Joe Hardstaff, the junior England player joined R. T. Simpson and the pair sent the bowling to all parts of the field. Simpson is slower than Hardstaff but his clever strokes before he was caught scored 111, whereas Hardstaff, who reached 100 in ninety minutes was clean bowled with a score of 110.

One-day Match

Under the One Day rules, Warner's eleven beat the county by 20 runs. Batting first, Warner's did little against the grand bowling of Austin Matthews, who has played for Glamorgan and Northamptonshire. Matthews took six for 31, getting three in one over and opposition was all-out for 8 before lunch.

The Airmen however, against a battery of fast bowlers, collapsed without 60. Sergeant Parker, with 22, alone reaching double figures.

With time available, the teams battled again, Warner's declaring 65 for 3, the Airmen getting 51 for 5, and Warner's bowlers judged winners on the first innings.

BRITISH DENIAL Demands On Thailand

Singapore, Aug. 17. An official statement was issued to-day by Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, Commander-in-Chief of British Forces in the Far East regarding rumours emanating from Japan that he had threatened Thailand with the use of force. "A typical flight of fancy," he said, "and I deny it emphatically. There is not an atom of truth in it. I endorse the statement made yesterday by Sir Josiah Crosby, British Minister to Thailand, that we have made no demands whatsoever on the government of Thailand."—Reuter.

Force Sufficient To Deal With Japanese

The United States and Great Britain to-day have the material force with which to be firm in their dealings with Japan. Leland Stowe, "Chicago Daily News" correspondent, said in Manila on arrival en route to his new beat at Singapore.

He said that if there is a united front of democratic powers in the Far East, Japan "will think a long time" before attacking either the Philippines or Singapore.

Stowe expressed the view that if Japan attacks with force, she is more likely to attack Russia than risk a war with the United States of Britain. If Russia shows sufficient weakening, Japan is likely to invade Vladivostok and the Soviet maritime provinces, he thinks.

"How about the Russo-Japanese non-aggression pact—will it not stand in the way?" he was asked. Stowe laughed. "No pact ever stood in the way of a totalitarian regime," he declared.

Increase In Production "The war correspondent directed attention to the rapid increase in American and British aeroplane production.

"It is a matter of hard fact," he said, "that American and British aeroplane production will equal that of the Axis by next spring. Before next June, American and British aeroplane production will surpass that of the Axis."

He said he speaks from a personal knowledge of the facts, gained from a tour of American defence plants. At the present rate of production, America will be turning out from 18,000 to 20,000 aeroplanes a year by December, Stowe said. In June the United States produced 1,500 aeroplanes, and a year from now the output will be doubled, he pointed out.

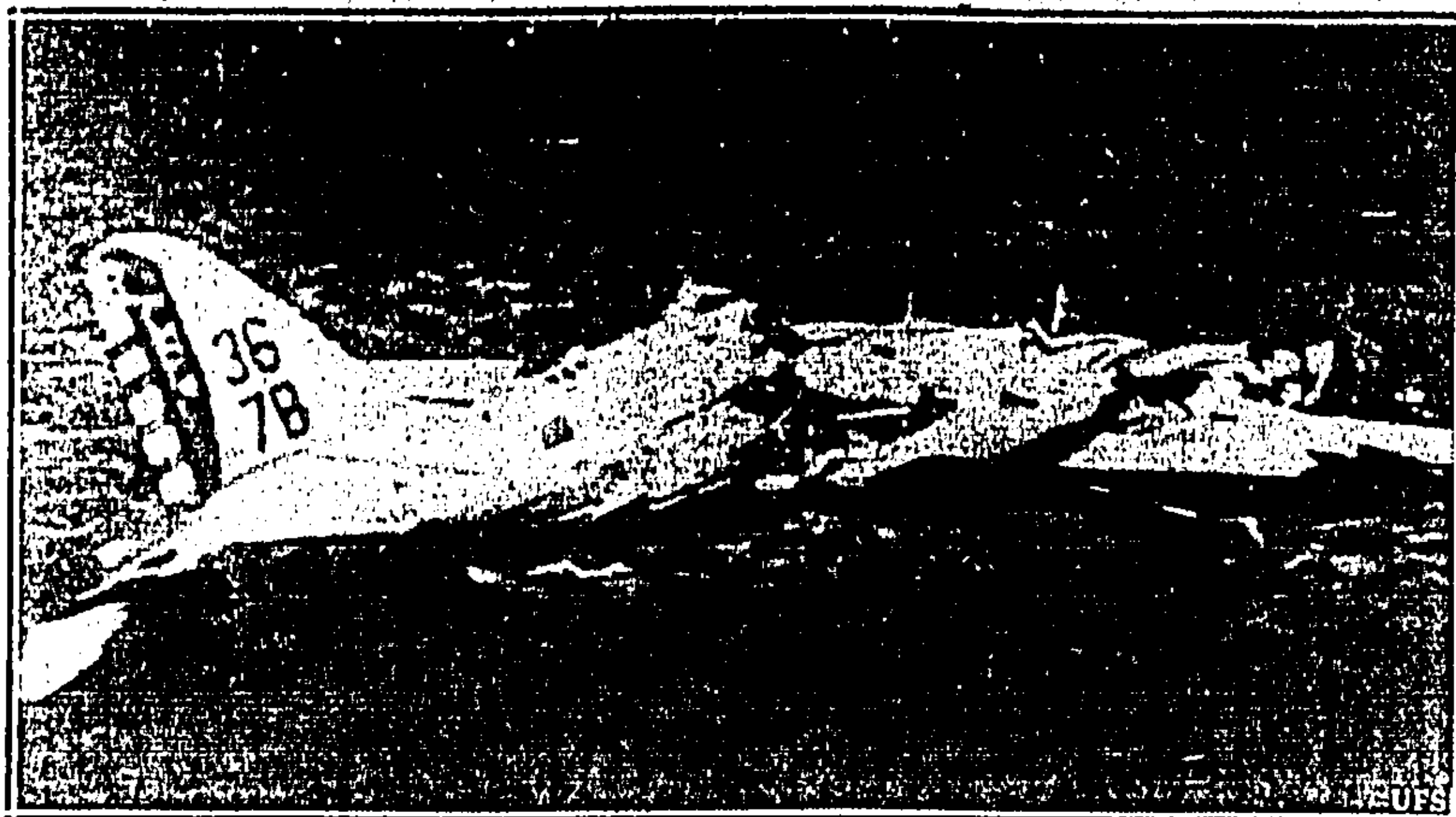
Stowe said he will remain in the Far East about a year, probably longer.

Distinguished Career

"As a foreign correspondent he has reported events from London to Istanbul, but this is his first assignment in the Orient. He is 42 and has been a reporter for the past 20 years.

In 1930, while working as Paris correspondent for the "New York Herald Tribune," he won the Pulitzer Prize for his coverage of the Paris reparations conference. He joined the foreign staff of the "Chicago Daily News" in September 1939 and in that capacity he covered Germany's invasion of Poland and the Russo-Finnish war. His dispatches from Norway constituted one of the most brilliant reportorial feats of this war.

In 1933 he wrote a book entitled "Nazis Means War," which showed how keenly he discerned the way Hitler was going. He is a French Legion of Honour man (1931).



SIX DEAD IN CRASH—U.S. Army bomber missing three days from Salt Lake City was found on Wyoming plain near Lyman, its six occupants dead. Ship, broken in two, was believed to have hit a slight rise in the prairie while in full flight. This wired picture shows the wreck.

Human Touch In Wartime Gifts From Farflung British Colonies

In manpower and money, as well as in gifts to meet particular needs, the British Colonies play their part in the Empire's war effort. Here are five stories of recent contributions.

ANTI-AIRCRAFT gunners stationed in some of the isolated spots in Britain have been adopted by unknown "god-parents" in the Colonies. The result is that they can now go to the cinema every week without moving from their camps.

The "pictures" are brought to them in mobile vans bought by the people of Ceylon, of Fort Jameson in Northern Rhodesia, Dominica in the Windward Islands, and other colonies who heard stories of these lonely men who guard Britain.

Another innovation is the gramophone vans or "gramovans," to quote the Army, of which two have been given by the island of Barbados. These visit the camps, regularly to give the men concerts of their own choice.

CHILDREN in the colony of Mauritius recently collected £300 for a mobile canteen and sent it to the children of London.

This personal concern for those injured and made homeless in air raids on Britain is so real in the Colonies that mobile canteens have become the usual expression of their anxiety to help.

Liverpool dockers have been cheered by one given by Sierra Leone in memory of the long association between the two places. On the morning after the biggest air attack in London's history, the citizens were heartened by the sight of vehicles bearing the names of Malta, Zanzibar and Fiji. Containers working in the Midlands have been provided by Ceylon, Kenya and Aden.

Groups of workers in the Colonies have helped. The tea growers of Ceylon, the workers on coffee plantations in Kenya, the cocoa growers of the Gold Coast of Nigeria, and the West Indies have all given travelling "coffee stalls" to the British people.

ONE and a half Spitfires have been given to the R.A.F. by the peasants of Kano Province in Nigeria.

They contributed three-quarters of the total of £10,000 which the Province sent to London to buy Spitfires.

This is all the more remarkable when you consider that the average income of a Nigerian peasant is £10 a year. And he earns it painfully by growing ground nuts, cotton and other crops.

When the peasants heard that a Spitfire Fund had been opened in the Province they rushed to hand in their contributions of a penny a man—the most the authorities would accept from them.

These men, mainly Hausas of the Muslim faith, follow the exploits of the R.A.F. with the keenest interest. Most of them have kinmen in the Nigeria Regiment of the famous Royal West African Frontier Force, to whose fighting powers the Italians in East Africa have recently paid voluntary and unwilling tribute. During these operations the R.A.F. it will be remembered, cleared the skies of Italian bombers.

WHEN all the British officers of a Gold Coast company of African troops were killed in storming a position in Italian Somaliland, the men re-formed themselves and rushed on, shouting their war cries. It was a West African sergeant who finally accepted the surrender of an officer of a crack Italian regiment.

These African troops have disproved Goebbels' sneer that our African soldiers would not stand up to modern war. Armed with the latest weapons soldiers of the Royal West African Frontier Force have several times smashed attacks by Italian armoured cars. On one occasion they charged enemy machines, using gas, and putting the Italian to ignominious flight.

Originally riflemen, the African troops have been taken to the use of Bren and anti-tank guns like ducks to water.

But it took the men of a unit on the Kenya coast some time to get used to using razors. They much prefer broken glass. Ever since they were formed in the middle of last century, the King's African Rifles had been given a regular issue

of this for the purpose of shaving their heads—hygienic precaution taken by every African soldier. But in war-time the supply of broken glass in Africa is limited; however, plentiful it may be elsewhere.

THE names of three tribes in Kenya—Kikuyu, Kamba and Meru—are painted on three of the finest fighter aircraft in the R.A.F., representing their gift to Britain.

Fiji prefers bombers, and Fiji I and Fiji II have done their best lately to keep the people of a large German port awake at night. Many of the giant bombers which roar over Germany have a significant message for Goebbels if only he could read it. His propaganda would seem to fall on stony ground while planes with such names as "Ashanti," "Gold Coast," "Northern Territories," and "Sierra Leone" help to raze German factories to the ground and play havoc with shipping in the North Sea.

JAMAICA can claim to have started the first subscription for the first bomber fund with a spontaneous public collection of £20,000 now increased by £10,000. Ceylon, on the other hand, prides herself on having instituted the original "Spitfire Fund," now grown to £455,000.

"As The Crow Flies" Not The Most Direct Flight

DALLAS, Tex.—There's nothing direct about the way the crow flies, Roy L. Mitchell, operations manager in charge of flying for American Airlines, believes.

"In fact," he says, "if a transport pilot were to navigate as the crow does, he would draw a sharp reprimand from the operations office."

In debunking the simile of the mythical straight flight of the crow, Mitchell declares there are several birds more direct in their flight.

The American operations chief also has some doubts about the simile "as swift as a bird." "You can't use the birds any more as standards by which speed of flight may be judged," Mitchell said.

"For instance," he says, "our familiar friend the robin could save considerable time on his annual migration to the south each autumn by using a luxury airliner. In measured tests, the robin's speed has been fixed at 36 miles an hour, approximately one-fifth the speed of a modern transport plane."

Bird Speeds

Mitchell said that the fastest bird and the only one that can compare with an airplane is the duck hawk which has been timed at 180 miles an hour, slightly under the cruising speed of a passenger plane.

Other familiar birds and their speeds, Mitchell said, are the purple martin and the blue jay at 20 miles an hour; the sparrow hawk, 25 miles an hour; the homing pigeon, 45 miles; the hummingbird, 55; wild turkey, 55 miles; the crow, 60 miles; the swallow, 100 miles; and the golden eagle, 120.

"However," Mitchell said, "you have to go back to nature for the fastest flight ever recorded, although an insect instead of a bird, did the trick. The fastest flying speed known is 616 miles an hour, attained by the male deer fly, a small insect whose mottled wings are still to be watched in efficiency by the propeller."

On the ground the Cheetah, timed at 70 miles an hour, is supreme among living creatures, the operations head said. "Man's fastest speed is 21.7 miles an hour, achieved by Jesse Owens at 100 meters."

"Lazy Scroungers Enjoy Themselves"

"WE have no right to allow seamen to sacrifice their lives to enable a large number of lazy scroungers to enjoy themselves," declared Mr Eric Shinwell (Lab.) in the House of Commons recently.

He complained that a large crowd of people attended the Derby, using up valuable supplies of petrol that seamen risked their lives to bring to Britain.

Minister for Home Security (Mr Herbert Morrison) replied that the 1941 race programme included 93 days of racing and 67 meetings, compared with 159 meetings on 331 days in 1939.

Removal of transport facilities for meetings like the Derby would come very near banning recreation and enjoyment altogether. "The Government believed that horse racing should continue in a restricted form so that the bloodstock industry would not be imperilled."

HOW BRITAIN'S STORY IS BEING TOLD RUSSIANS

A group of Russians and one Englishman were selected by the British Foreign Office to broadcast to Russia over the B.B.C. soon after the Soviet was invaded, says "Reynolds' News."

The paper understands that the broadcasters are:—

Bruce Lockhart, who was recently appointed expert on foreign affairs to the Minister of Information, and who was once a political prisoner in the Soviet.

A Russian engineer named Gubkin, who was once associated with the White Russians.

A man named Kushkin, once an attaché at the Russian Czar's London Embassy.

An alleged Trotskyist exile named Lapke.

Baroness Budberg, who was a member of the old Russian aristocracy.

In satirical vein, the paper declares that the Foreign Office is apparently animated by a new spirit of democratic fervor.

"It is learned that the group of broadcasters first engaged by the B.B.C. itself was first rate," it says.

"Why let an ignorant Foreign Office endanger the effort to tell Britain's story to the Russians?" asks Reynolds.

Passive Resistance By Punch

LONDON, June 6.—A former Punch and Judy showman appearing at the London Consensus Objectors Tribunal said he believed in passive resistance. A member of the Tribunal said: "You believed in killing in your Punch and Judy Act. Punch did not offer passive resistance."

The Objector, an L.C.C. ambulance driver, said he was not responsible for the story and had to keep to the plot, whereupon the Tribunal member suggested that he writes a new script for his next show and let Punch offer passive resistance.

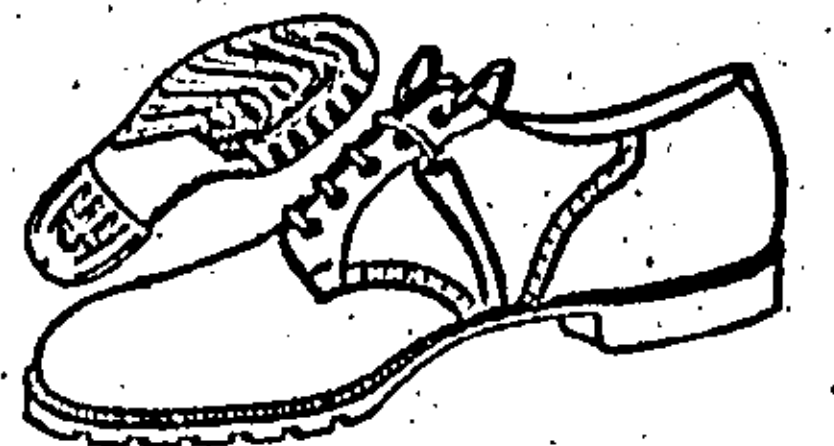
The man was registered as an objector as long as he continued ambulance work.

Suit Borrowed To Meet The King

When conducting the King and Queen round the Abbey recently, the Dean of Westminster wore a suit borrowed from one of his canons.

He likewise wore the same suit when conducting the Duke of Kent round later in the week. The Duke's visit was a surprise. He was deeply moved by the destruction. The Dean said that services would be held as usual in the Abbey on Sunday, and would be conducted in the nave.

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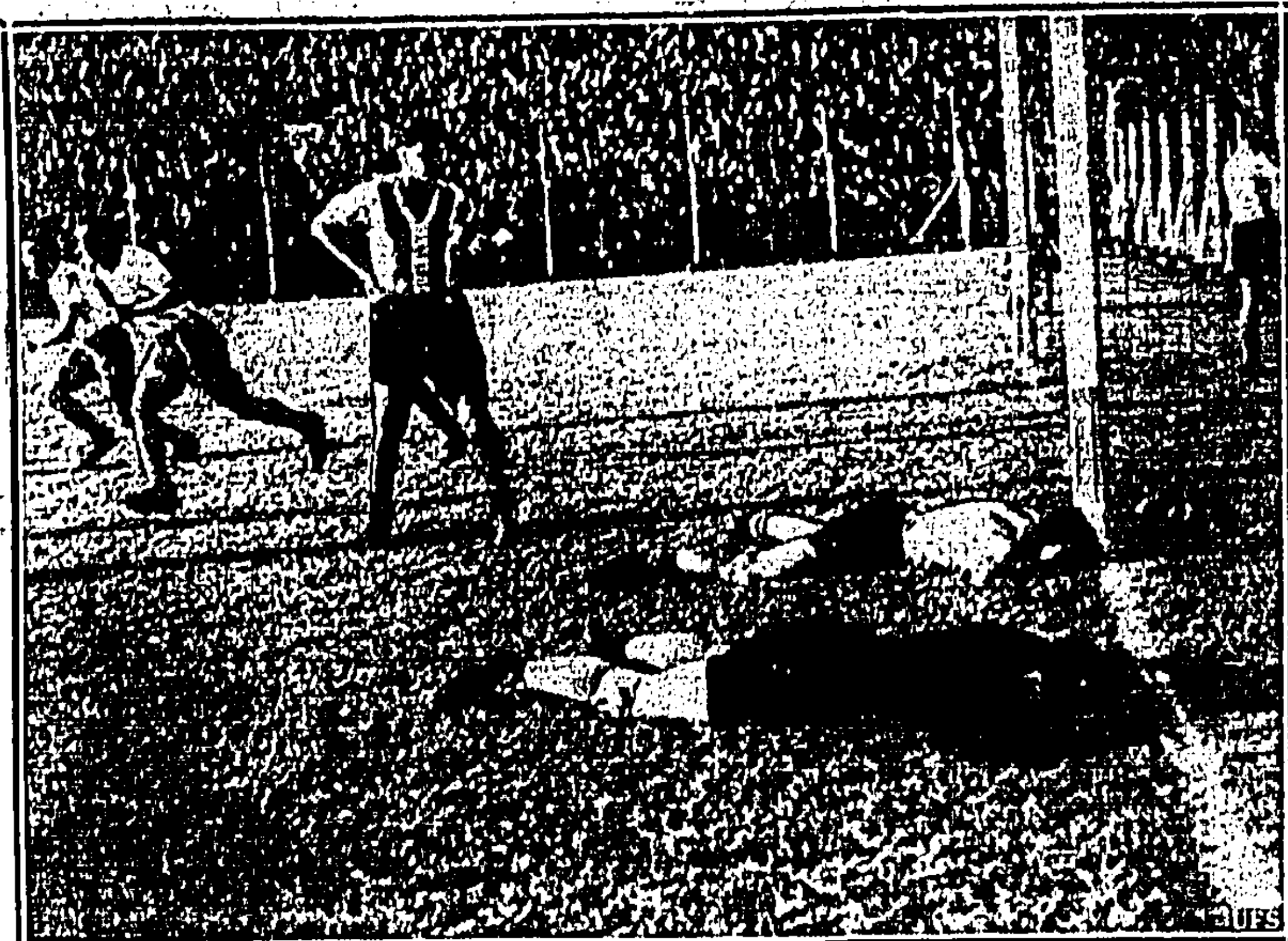
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MONDAY MORNING COMMENTARY



THERE, THERE, DON'T CRY. Did the big bad man score a goal against you? Goalie, and fullback in a soccer match in Buenos Aires threw themselves sobbing to the ground when one of the opposition scored a goal. A team-mate looks on with righteous disgust.

Brilliant Bowling By U.M. Omar

Champion Rink Beaten By Club-mates 22-13

Interesting Game At K.F.C.

(By "Wick")

Though it may be a slight exaggeration to say that U. M. Omar defeated R. Basa, A. E. Coates, J. S. Landolt and C. S. Rosset in the last of the quarter-final matches in the rinks championship, there is no gainsaying the fact that he was primarily responsible for the defeat of the champions on the Kowloon F.C. green yesterday by 22-13.

Playing one of his best games for a considerable time, "U.M." carried his two younger brothers and B. W. Bradbury to the semi-finals. His was the dominating personality on the green and but for him the title-holders might have scraped through in view of the brilliant form of Landolt who, on numerous occasions, changed adverse positions into his side's favour, only to see his splendid work nullified by U. M. Omar.

While the standard of play was not always maintained at a high level, the game was nevertheless always interesting. This was due to the fact that the rinks were well-matched as regards the front men. A. M. Omar was definitely better than Basa at No. 1. K. M. Omar and A. E. Coates shared the honours at No. 2, both being extremely steady. Landolt, however, was brilliant in the first 17 heads or so and almost invariably had the better of Bradbury.

It was in the play of the respective skips, however, that the greatest difference lay. Omar was almost uncanny in his accuracy with drawing, trailing and driving

while Rosset had an off day and even his driving ability—so notable a feature of his play—was not in evidence.

The winners scored on 13 heads against the champions' eight. Each side scored two threes, but while Omar also registered five twos, Rosset managed to obtain only one.

Close Scoring

Actually there were never more than five shots between the two rinks in the first 18 heads. Starting off with a three, Omar's rink led 10-5 on the 8th, 15-10 on the 14th and 16-13 on the 17th. But thereafter it was all Omar, who scored two twos and two singles in the last four heads.

Had Rosset kept his four on the 18th head, there might have been a different tale to tell. But U.M. came to the rescue of his side—not for the first time—by drawing a perfect first shot with his last wood.

The scores then were 16-13 in Omar's favour and a four for Rosset at this stage would have given the latter the lead for the first time in the match. But he and his No. 3 adopted tactics which seemed inexplicable to many of those watching the game.

The back hand was closed to Omar, who had been heavy with his first wood. Rosset was then asked by

Fourth Round Pairs Draw

The following is the draw for the fourth round of the Open Pairs Championship:

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 20
At Kowloon B.C.C.—L. J. Silva and J. F. V. Ribeiro v. A. J. Kew and Y. H. Tang.
At Kowloon C.C.—H. A. Alves and F. V. V. Ribeiro (holders) v. J. V. Ramsey and J. Morrison.
At Police C.C.—A. M. Omar and U. M. Omar v. J. Williamson and C. S. M. Thom.
At Crailsford C.C.—R. P. Pina and D. Basa v. E. G. Post and W. Cameron.

THURSDAY AUGUST 21
At Kowloon F.C.—Levett and H. Spang v. W. Walker and R. Duncan or K. C. Hamilton and A. M. Holland.
At Civil Service—T. A. Madar and A. E. Guest v. D. A. Rosario and J. S. Landolt.

Landolt to put a wood ten yards in front of the Jack—and Rosset obeyed!

It was difficult to understand the purpose of having a wood in the place Landolt wanted. Omar could not drive in any case with the opponents lying four shots—even if the Jack could be seen, and it could not—and must therefore draw to save. It would have been immeasurably better to block the only hand left open to him.

To The Rescue

And so it proved. With the fore hand wide open and with two of his woods a yard in front, Omar quietly drew round them and sat on the kitty for the very first shot.

Omar followed this up with a two on the fourth and after this the game was almost as good as over.

The head described above was only one of several in which U. M. Omar extricated his side from difficult positions. On the 5th head, with Rosset lying two, Omar's last shot prevented Rosset from getting on level terms. The wood ran well for Omar, but he nominated the shot and there could be no complaint about a "fluke".

Again on the 14th, when the skips went down Rosset had the first shot and Omar had several seconds. Omar drove and forced the shot through to lie three. Rosset then drew first shot—only to see Omar take the Jack through to claim three again. Rosset was a trifle heavy with his last wood, but he trailed the Jack and finally finished up as second shot.

Scores:
U. M. Omar 30 20 13 0 10 0 2
C. S. Rosset 0 12 0 10 12 0 2
30 20 20 10 0 0 0

Play up, Play up And Play The Game

Hongkong Complex About Victory And Defeat

Indelible "Stigma"

(By "Tinker")

This may be a democratic Colony, but on sports fields there is one autocrat who will never be displaced—the referee or umpire. We are taught from youth that he is the man who rules our games, and that his word is law.

Though to some of the more revolutionary it may appear a wrong practice to teach people from childhood to accept decisions that from all angles, except the referee's, may be very wrong, it is only out of this that some of the greatest sporting traditions of the world have been born.

There have been incidents on most fields, but not one has ever done any good to the particular games in which they have occurred.

Soccer suffers many black marks through rowdy hooliganism. We have read of teams walking off in wholesale protest of a referee's ruling; we have also read of crowds rioting in sympathy with disgruntled players.

But how far along its long road do you think soccer would have progressed if from the start there was no control over the game? The authority of the referee is in its very nature. He interprets the rules as he knows them, and adjudges incidents as he sees them.

Even in baseball, the most democratic game of all, in which one may scream insults impartially at players and umpires alike, the umpire's word is law. And the rowdiest of rowdy recognise that fact.

What then is this strange feeling, far too frequent in recent years, that has spoiled so many a contest? A game or a race is not an event of almighty importance. Someone has to lose, whether through good play or through error. Why not leave it at that. Return matches can always be arranged, and results can always be reversed.

But, no. Protests are filed; Committees are stirred into action; the whole gains repugnance publicly, and have even been shaking threats of withdrawal from competitions to gain a petty end.

And it is certainly about time some sort of stand was made against the procedure. Sport may lose in numbers, but it gains in quality.

DOUBTLESS, international matches introduce more than their fair share of bad feeling. Nationalism has no prominent place on the sports field—it is subjugate to the rules of the game. Let it remain there.

To the wisecracker who always knows more than the referee or umpire or judge I would say that a game loses by the hiding their superior ability. If they come forward and offer their services, the ranks of referees can always accommodate them.

A cricketer given out lb.w. may glare at the umpire, walk about a yard outside the wicket and pat the ground with his bat, but that is the fullest extent of his remonstrance. He walks back to the pavilion, and though his dismissal may have cost his side the match I've yet to hear of a protest and demand for a replay!

It is only under the most exceptional circumstances in England, the home of soccer, that one hears of a protest and demand for a replay. In America it is far more frequent, and in this Colony of ours the American influence is apparent, but inclined to be carried to excess. Defiant seems to entail a most degrading "loss of face" and the whole whopped up in one parcel can create

A game's a game, no matter what, so for Pete's sake let's just play it and then think of something else.

Football Lectures

Football Referees' classes for Civiliana and Services will be held at Scudal Point Hall this evening, at 7 o'clock.

Baseball

PORTUGAL TROUNCE CANADA 17-9

FIRST of the International matches was played yesterday, in which Portugal beat Canada 17-9. Second outstanding match of the week-end was the 5-4 Charity struggle between Hongkong and the U. S. Navy, the odd run being in the Colony's favour.

Two League games were played, in the first of which the mighty "M" slanted their way to a 15-7 victory over South China, and in the second Chung Hwa Moroons humbled the Sappers 8-4.

Sunday Cricket Still Popular At University

SUNDAY CRICKET at the University continues its popularity, and another game was played yesterday morning at the Pokfulam ground. An XI led by A. Zimmerman beat the undergraduates by one wicket.

Scoring was not high, L. H. Tan, 34, and C. N. Matthews, 23, being top-scorers for the "Varsity XI", while only three men of the visiting side reached double figures.

A. J. Hulse, 49 not out, was top-scorer, and in partnership with F. J. Lay, 31, D. O. Parsons, 28, took the visitors' score to a respectable prominence. The later batsmen, however, failed.

League Bowls

Kowloon F.C. Bid For Promotion

AS KOWLOON F.C. seem in line for promotion in the Lawn Bowls League, so the Kowloon B.C.C. "B" team slated for relegation. These facts emerged from the results of the week-end matches, wherein Civil Service C.C. scored a surprising victory over Kowloon Dockers, and left K.B.C.C. "B" at the very bottom of the senior table.

Kowloon Football Club have secured a five points lead over Kowloon Tong in the Second Division, the latter team failing to secure a single point against Tai Kok—second surprise—while the first named beat the Hongkong C.C. 4-1.

Results in brief were:
FIRST DIVISION
Recreio "A" 4 Indian R.C. 1
K.B.C.C. "A" 0 Crailsford 0
Police 4 Kowloon C.C. 0
K. Dockers 3 Recreio "B" 0
SECOND DIVISION
Crailsford 5 Recreio 0
Kowloon F.C. 4 Hongkong C.C. 0
Tai Kok 5 K. Tong 0
H.K.F.C. 5 Prison C.C. 0
THIRD DIVISION
Police 3 Crailsford 0
K.B.C.C. 3 Hongkong C.C. 0
Recreio 4 Indian R.C. 1

Aquatics

Lai Tsun Union Avenge Former Defeat

LAI TSUN secured revenge for their defeated by the Victoria Recreation Club at the earlier swimming meeting when they met in the return engagement at the "Y" pool on Saturday night. The final points score was 27-26, and this would have been reversed had Miss Celeste Gutierrez not unfortunately been disqualified in the women's 100 yards back-stroke for making a bad turn.

CHARITY CARNIVAL AT WEST POINT

Three-day Meeting

A three-day swimming carnival, sponsored by the Kwangtung Provincial Relief Committee, began on Saturday night at the Chung Shing Benevolent Society's Swimming pavilion, West Point. Musical entertainment and a fire-dragon display greatly enhanced the success of the evening. The manipulators of the dragon had been specially engaged from Ho Tung, Kwangtung Province.

The programme comprised exhibition swimming and high diving, which were performed by several leading Colony swimmers.

Those who contributed to the programme were: Ornamental Swimming, Lau Kiu-yuen (Eastern); 50 metres butterfly-stroke, Ng Nin (Sing Tao); Women's 50 metres, Miss Ho Wai-king (C.B.C.); 100 metres, Lau Kiu-yuen (Eastern); 100 metres breast-stroke, Fung Wai-cheong (Chinese "Y"); Women's 100 metres breast-stroke, Miss Lee Po-luen (South China).

As it turned out, the whole was decided on the last event—the 800 yards free-style relay, and an easy victory was claimed by the home side.

But outstanding performance of the gala was that of Au Sai-kwan over the 440 yards. In this he clocked 5 mins 26.3/5 seconds, just one second off Chan Chun-nam's record time for last year. Lau Tai-ping, another of the Lai Tsun stalwarts, took second place from Charles Huang, which placing put them within distance of the V.R.C. total which was then the bigger.

In The Lead

THEY went into the lead when Miss Ko Miu-ling and Miss Lo Pok-kam took first and second places in the women's 100 yards breast-stroke, and when the visiting women failed to secure a single point from the 100 yards back-stroke, Lai Tsun had gained a commanding lead.

They maintained their lead until the women's 160 yards relay which was won by the V.R.C., who once again went out in front, but there was no doubt that Lai Tsun would win the 800 yards free-style relay, which proved to be the deciding event of the meet.

Yesterday's Programme

Hundreds of people attended the second night of the swimming gala organised by the Kwangtung Provincial Relief Committee and held at the Chung Shing Bathing Pavilion yesterday. The Fire Dragon display proved very popular. Exhibitions were given by several swimmers.

Contributions amounting to N\$20,000 have been received by the Committee which is holding the gala for relief of wounded soldiers and refugees in Kwangtung.

To-night will be the gala's last night and many attractions are on the evening's programme of entertainment.

Inter-School Heats

Heats for the Schoolboys' and Schoolgirls' Swimming gala under the auspices of Victoria Recreation Club will be held this evening in the V.R.C. pool at 7 sharp.

Schools participating in the boys' events are: St. Joseph's College, St. Stephen's College, La Salle College, Diocesan Boys' School, Nam Wah College and Chung Wah College. Only three entries have been received from the girls' schools of the Colony, these being French Convent, St. Mary's School and Ying Wah College.

Tsui Hang Clocks Very Fair Time For 100 Metres

FEATURE of the Hongkong and Kowloon Residents Union's fifth gala on Saturday night was the effort of Tsui Hang, who won the 100 yards from David Hutchinson last week, over 100 metres, the time being 04.2 secs.

There was a fairly large crowd present, and the events provided considerable interest. Times, however, were on the poor side, though competition was keen.

A new event was the Women's 75 metres individual medley race, this being one of the new events for the Colony Championships this year, and it was won by Miss Ng Suey-lin in 73 seconds.

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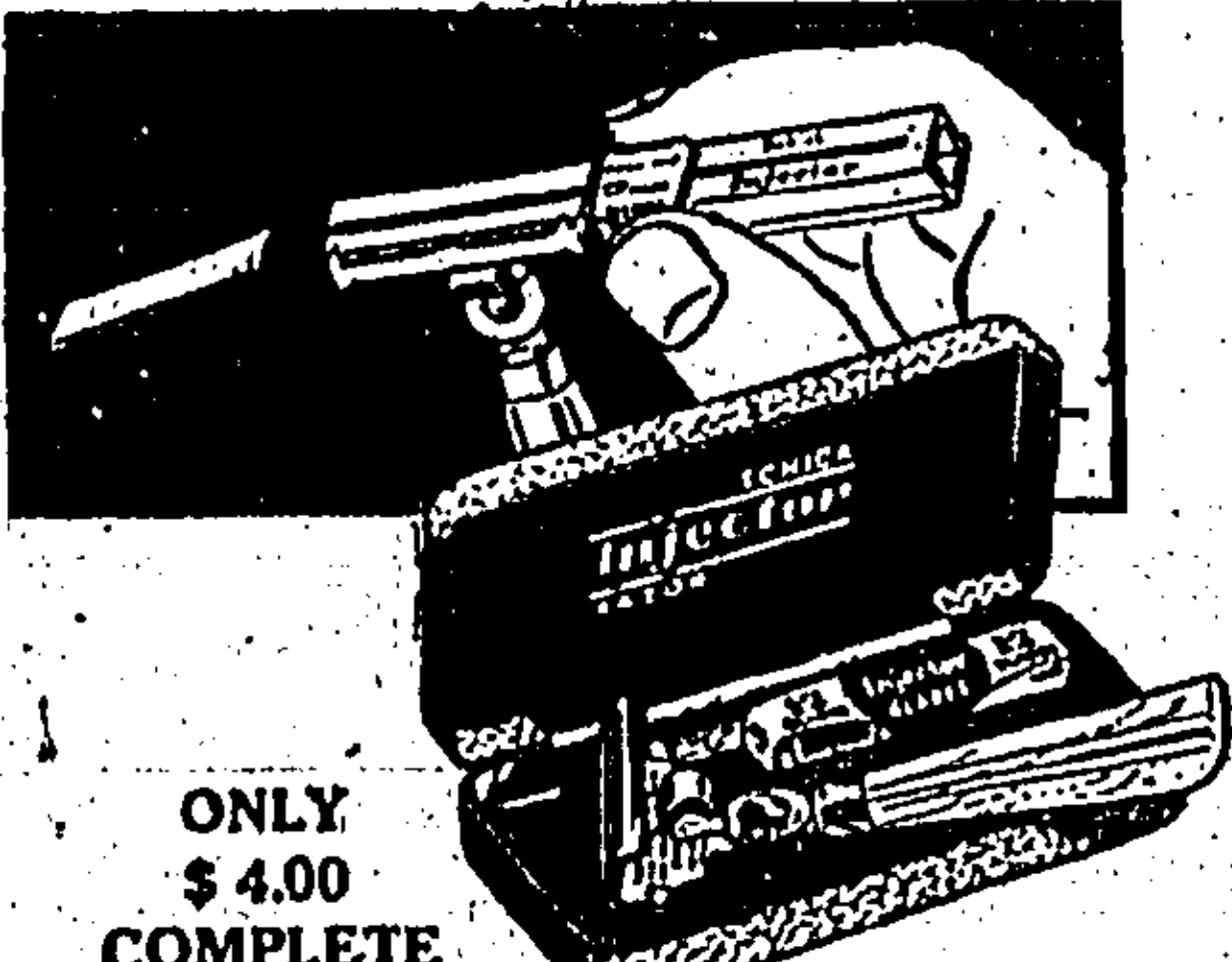
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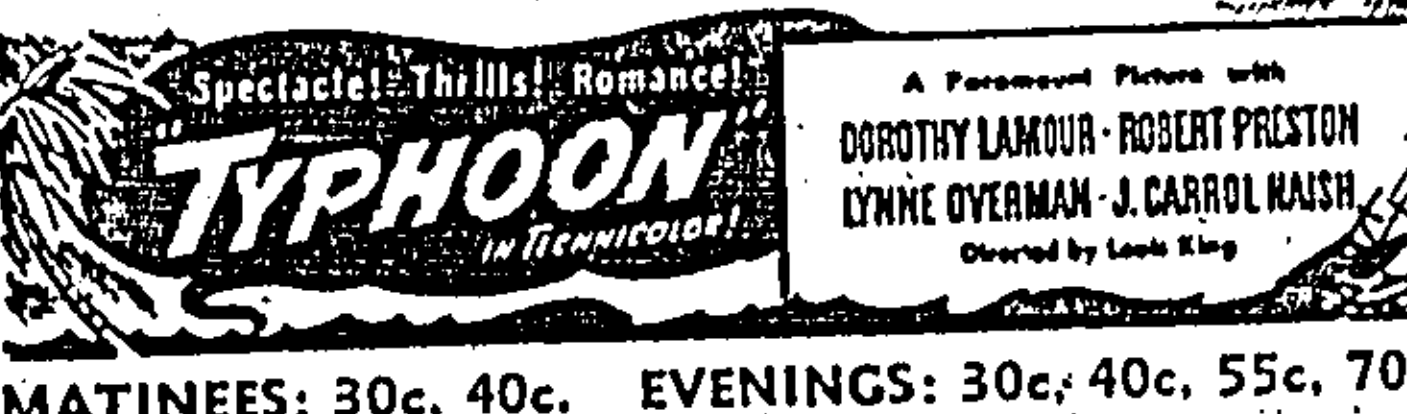
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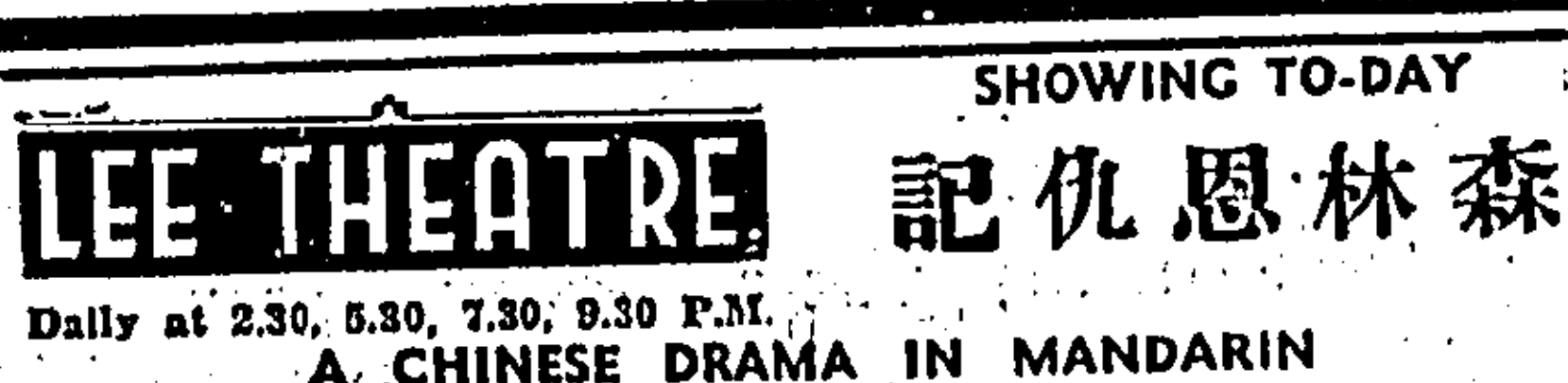
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New Order In Syria May Lead To Federation of Arab States

(By "Reuters" Special Correspondent in Syria)

DAMASCUS, Aug. 17.—While the final arrangements are being made to evacuate the remaining Vichy soldiers and civilians who have chosen to return to France, interest in the Syrian capital has swung over to political questions.

The majority of political leaders have been greatly encouraged by the publication of the interchange of letters between General de Gaulle, the Free French leader, and Mr. Oliver Lytelton, the British Minister of State in the Middle East, clearly defining the Allies' intentions and thereby re-affirming the promise of the country's speedy independence.

R.A.F. BLITZ CONTINUES

Nazi Cities Again Bombed and Fired

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Aug. 17 (UP).—It is authoritatively reported that the Royal Air Force attacked Cologne, Düsseldorf, Duisburg, the Ruhr Valley, and also ports in the occupied areas during the night, adding that "many large fires were started."

Fighters Downed

LONDON, Aug. 17 (Reuters).—It is learned that four enemy fighters have been destroyed during operations by our fighters over the Channel and northern France to-day.

Raiding Britain

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Aug. 17 (UP).—A joint communiqué issued by the Air Ministry and the Ministry of Home Security stated that a few German raiders operated off the coast of eastern and southeastern England during the night.

Some flew inland bombing several points. "These caused serious damage but the number of casualties is reported to be very small although they include a small number who lost their lives in a town of southeastern England."

Still Says H.K. Has Ostrich Complex

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ability needed to examine the unpleasant question seriously. "Well, seems to me that just about proves the charge!"

Not Taken Seriously

Folks here—civilians—just can't, or won't take this new lesson seriously. Not even to the point of laying up a few extra cans of beans and a sack of flour or rice—just in case. Especially with Japan so bullheadedly set on her mission of "Expansion or Bust!"

Well, fortunately, the military powers—that be the army and the navy—have no ostriches either. For in the past many months large quantities of rice, flour and other essential foods, have been imported by the Government and stored in special warehouses, scattered about the Colony for protection from air raids. A vital step for Hongkong, producing practically no food for itself—beyond a few vegetables and a little rice.

Services Mobilized

Public utilities, gas, light and water, transportation and communication systems, are all mobilized for emergency service. Nearly seven thousand volunteers have been trained as A.R.P. wardens, rescue workers, fire fighters, ambulance drivers, police reserves and auxiliary nurses. The men in the Volunteer Corps drill on an average of about a half-day per week; with frequent week-end exercises carried out on a full war-time basis. Big guns are manned, air raiders challenged, and sham battles fought.

Yes, collectively, civilian Hongkong is facing the cold facts—shoulder to shoulder with the professional regulars. That is, when it's on duty. Off duty—the rest of the week—its head goes right back into the sand. "Too much effort these fire-sorely torrid days to rouse up the mental agility needed to examine the unpleasant question seriously!" I now return you to NBC.

Nazis Cannot Face Anzac Bayonets

The cowardice of Germans when confronted with the cold steel of Anzac bayonets is stressed in the most vivid eye-witness account of the Crete campaign yet published in the American Press.

"When confronted with steel, the Germans turn, run, and squeal like frightened pigs," says the eye-witness, in an article in "Collier's Weekly."

The writer declares that he had always thought the Germans were brave, but this is not so. On the contrary, they are no better than the Italians.

"When the German mixed with us we gave him hell, and his losses must have been terrific," he adds.

Peaches Sold At 5s. 6d. Each

Fresh home-grown peaches are selling at 5s. 6d. each in London's West End shops.

Grapes are bringing 15s. a pound. Cucumbers are being sold at 2s. 6d. each, cherries and raspberries at 6s. a pound.

A store manager said: "Lack of foreign supplies has forced up prices of best-quality English-grown fruit. People are willingly paying the high prices. They say they must have the fruit at any price."

It is realised, however, that little can be accomplished until a suitable government has been set up. At present, there is no ruling cabinet since the Nationalist bloc was disbanded in 1939.

Whether there will be two separate Syrian and Lebanese governments or one united controlling body remains to be seen. Anyhow, here in Damascus the situation is very calm and rival political leaders who are normally keen opponents, appear genuinely anxious to bury the hatchet and to co-operate fully with new French leaders.

Two interviews I was privileged to interview two outstanding living Syrian politicians. Jamil Mardam Bey, former leader of the Nationalist bloc, stated: "The main idea of the new cabinet must be to strive for one end, namely to further Britain's gigantic war effort and expedite the final victory. We realise that there are present certain internal difficulties confronting the free French leaders and we do not expect great constitutional changes immediately. However, there is no outstanding problem which cannot be solved very simply."

Broadly speaking, Mardam Bey's views are shared by Shelly Bey Sami, a prominent member of the Syrian Nationalist Party, whose leader was murdered mysteriously last year. He said: "We are willing to sink our differences with the Nationalist bloc provided that certain members are not re-elected. We greatly appreciate Britain's act in paving the way for the country's independence and we are prepared to do all in our power to assist the Allied war effort by loyally co-operating with the new French leaders."

Pan-Arabia

Many Syrians feel that the time is opportune for furthering relations with the neighbouring Near East Arab countries and co-ordinating the Arab states into one Federation. It is appreciated that the granting of independence opens the way to serious discussions to this end. Meanwhile our forces are having an uplifting effect on the Syrians, whose morale had been at a very low ebb during the last 12 months owing to the uncertainty and wavering of the Vichy leaders and the presence of German and Italian Armistice Commissions.

Whatever political and economic problems lie ahead Britain is steadily accomplishing what she set out to do, namely to strengthen the vital bastions of defence between the Suez Canal and Turkey and to prepare for any renewed Axis drive to the east.

Russians Turning Battle 2nd Smolensk

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LATE NEWS

the entry of German troops were neither but a pack of inventions. There are reliable indications that the Germans, stunned by the Russian resistance in this sector, have not attempted to resume the offensive. On the contrary, they fear a Russian counter-offensive here.

It is significant that the Germans have, outside Smolensk, buried their faulty tanks almost completely and using them as pill-boxes.

Nazis Lost Hopes

If the blitzkrieg has failed, at least on this front as well as in the more northerly direction, the same is true of the German hopes to Quislingise the occupied parts. With a total misunderstanding of the Russian mentality and mis-information from the wishful thinking of Tassist emigres, the Germans imagined that they would be received with open arms by the local population. Hostility everywhere is complete and except for a few adventures and "Petukovite" cranks, the Germans are hated here more than anywhere.

All Fronts Fighting

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Aug. 17 (UP).—A communiqué announced over Radio Moscow stated: "Last night our troops continued fighting the enemy along the whole front. Our aviation in co-operation with our land forces continues to deal blows on enemy troops and attack enemy planes on enemy airfields."

Slowing Down

MOSCOW, Aug. 17 (Reuters).—The Big German thrust in the Ukraine is slowing down owing to fierce resistance, is the impression here.

SIDNEY HAS BLACK-OUT REHEARSAL

SYDNEY, Aug. 17 (Reuters).—During half hour blackout test, the whole of Sydney's 1,300,000 inhabitants experienced conditions under which the people of England have been living for the past two years.

It is claimed officially that Sydney is the second largest Empire city to be blacked out. Mr. Haffren, Minister for National Emergency Services, reported that the test had revealed certain weaknesses which were being remedied. There were several glaring breaches for which heavy penalties are being sought but generally the citizens co-operated well.

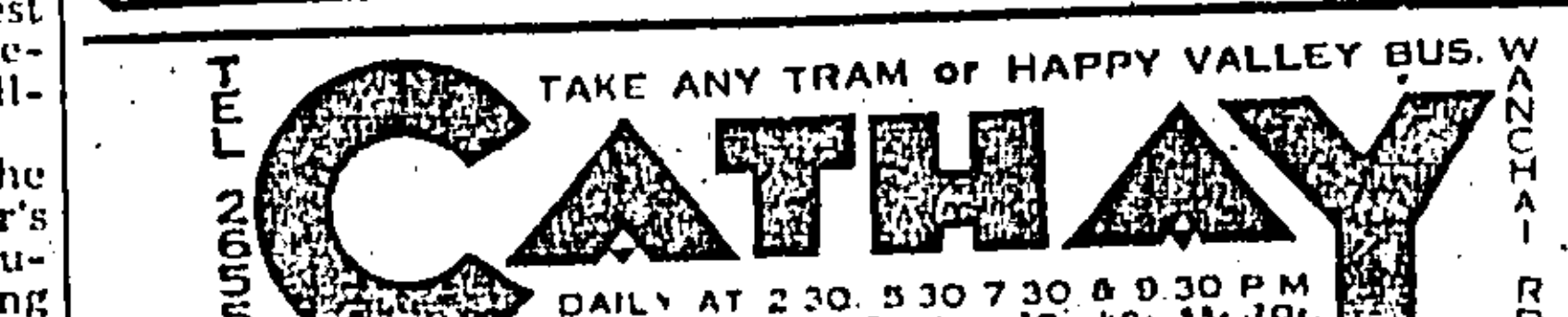
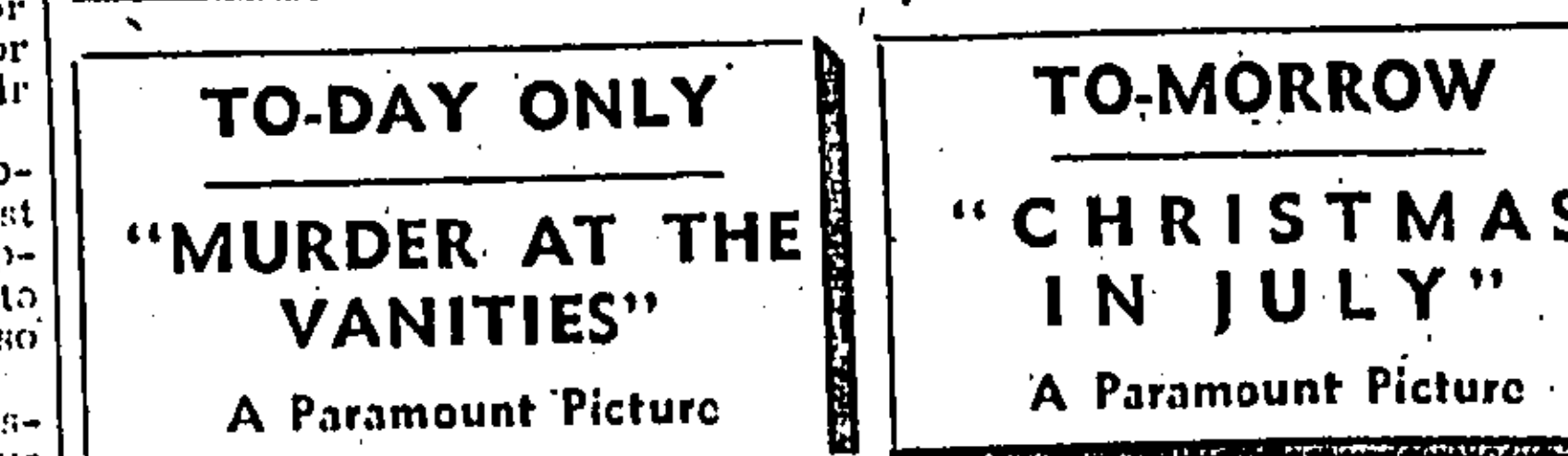
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MASTER'S FUNERAL—Polish guards carry the coffin containing the body of Ignace Jan Paderewski, famed master of the piano, into St Patrick's Cathedral, New York, where a pontifical high mass was held. U.S. Army honour guard accompanied the body.

Fears For Safety Of Mr Steele

Air Trip To Russia

Grave fears are now felt for the safety of Mr A. T. Steele, famous foreign correspondent of the Chicago Daily News, whose plane, en route from Chungking to Moscow, is five days overdue.

Mr Steele, left with Mr York Ralph Ingersoll, editor of the New York PM by plane from Chungking to Alma Ata, which is the first plane stop inside Russian territory.

There the two prominent newspaper men separated, Mr Ingersoll deciding to go on to Moscow by train, where he has since arrived, while Mr Steele elected to continue by plane. Indications are that after leaving Alma Ata, his plane met with an accident, and there has been complete silence as to its whereabouts for the past five days.

Mr Steele is an especially well known foreign correspondent in China where he has been working for some years. He is rated as one of the best of the American foreign journalists, and filed particularly notable stories of the Shanghai war in 1937. He has also covered special assignments on political conditions in the south Pacific including the N.E.I. and Malaya. He has many times visited Hongkong in the course of his journalistic duties.

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MOSCOW, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—The Soviet Command to-day issued the following supplement to its latest communique:

"Encountering the stiff resistance of Red Army troops, the German Fascists have constantly thrown into action fresh units which find their graves on the battlefield. Only a few days ago, in the southwestern direction, the 452nd and 485th regiments of the 262nd German Infantry Division were completely smashed. The Germans left on the field a tremendous number of automobiles, motorcycles and bicycles.

"Other regiments of the same division lost up to 80 per cent. of their manpower and equipment.

"In the course of the fighting near Gussakovo, this division was finally smashed and now no longer represents any fighting value. The 262nd Division participated in the war against France and was considered by the Fascists one of the best divisions of the German Army.

Demarche To Iran To Remove Nazi Menace

Special to the "Telegraph"
LONDON, Aug. 17 (UP).—Authoritative sources report that British and Soviet representatives have sent a demarche to the Government of Iran to "take effective measures" to remove the German menace.

Reports Denied
TEHRAN, Aug. 17 (Reuter).—The official newspaper "Iran" to-day categorically denies foreign reports that a number of Iranians with "certain foreign agents" were hatching a plot against the regime.

According to these reports, a plot to be carried out in the middle of August was discovered and some conspirators had been arrested and executed, and that the law was keeping the incident secret.

Dismissing the reports as "imaginary," the newspaper said that one would never find a single Iranian who was not attached to the principles of the Government, or who would be the instrument for the execution of the bad intentions of others. Provocations had not had the least effect on the unity and patriotism of the Iranians.

German Demands
MOSCOW, Aug. 17 (Reuter).—An Ankara dispatch to the official Soviet news agency says that Germany has demanded air bases in Iran and fuel supplies for German planes using them.

The dispatch quotes "reliable sources" for this report.

The German Minister in Iran is also stated to have warned the Iranian Government that diplomatic relations would be severed if German "tourists" were expelled.

Kagawa On War
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
YOKOHAMA, Aug. 18 (Domei).—Strong opposition to American entry into war is growing, according to Mr. Toyohiko Kagawa, famous Japanese evangelist, who returned here on Sunday aboard the Tatuta Maru.

Japan Displeased By Anglo-Soviet Accord

Special to the "Telegraph"
TOKYO, August 18 (Domei).—Declaring that it is regrettable that the Soviet Union has decided to join in the Anglo-American camp in the war against the Axis-Powers in Europe, the "Hochi Shimbun" says, "Japan as a partner of Italy and Germany cannot remain indifferent to the increasing collaboration among Britain and the United States and the Soviet Union."

Referring to the projected Moscow conference, the paper says, "Britain and the United States are most likely to promise the supply of arms and ammunition and other military equipment to the Soviet Union in return for Russian raw materials such as iron ore, coal, oil and manganese.

"If the Soviet Union accepts such a deal she may be greatly disappointed for it is a well-known fact that Britain and America at present are not in a position to extend aid to others."

The paper further says, "If the Soviet Union's increasing collaboration with Britain and America brings about any change in the Far Eastern situation, Japan will not be responsible for any change in its current relations with the Soviet Union which have been improving greatly since the recent conclusion of the Neutrality Pact."

"Recently the German 94th Infantry Division sustained heavy casualties. In the fighting in the Stuten-Kovalei sector, this division lost about 70 per cent. of its manpower.

Five hundred officers and soldiers surrendered. Our troops captured many trophies.

"For every metre of Soviet land captured, the German Fascists pay with heaps of corpses. In an attempt to attack the village of Zhul-Yana, the 279th German Infantry Regiment lost 600 men in killed only. The 94th Light Division, which comprise a large number of cyclists and cavalry, lost in the vicinity of Kutuzovka almost half its men and officers.

"The 21st regiment of this division was smashed.

"In the Black Sea our submarines sank two large Rumanian transports."

German Claims
BERLIN, Aug. 17 (UP).—The official news agency reports that German troops yesterday completed the mopping up of the remnants of the Soviet forces in the Krivoyog area where the Russian casualties, according to the reports so available, were very heavy. Seven thousand prisoners were captured, 38 guns, a large number of tanks and trucks and several aircraft were destroyed or captured.

During the fighting along the lower-Dnieper, the Germans crushed the Soviet forces into a narrow space along the river bank inflicting heavy casualties. German artillery and bombers prevented the attempts made by the Russians to reach the other side of the river in ferries.

Central Ukraine
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BERLIN, Aug. 17 (UP).—To-day's communique states that in the central Ukraine, German troops in cooperation with Hungarian units occupied the big industrial centre of Nikolayev which is also an important naval base.

Under pressure of unrelenting pursuit east of the Bug river, the defeated enemy is disintegrating more and more. The booty in war material and the number of prisoners are steadily rising.

Also on other sectors of the eastern front the operations are developing favourably.

Slowing Down
MOSCOW, Aug. 17 (Reuter).—The latest Russian communique again **TURN to Back Page, Column 5**

Roosevelt and Hull Confer On Far Eastern Situation

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Aug. 17 (UP).—President Roosevelt and Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, conferred to-day for two and one half hours. Informed circles indicated that the conference concerned the Far Eastern situation more than the European. The Japanese situation is viewed with considerable gravity and it is believed that the discussions went beyond the Americans who are stranded in Japan.

Some quarters suggested that economic pressure on Japan was discussed.

Following the conference, Mr. Hull stated, "It was a general interchange of information in which we were bringing each other up to date on the international situation. We discussed all phases of the situation in which both of us are interested."

He declined to comment specifically, nevertheless the fact that he met the President at the railway station and conferred so much at length lent the impression that important developments in the Far East were either impending or had already arisen requiring immediate attention and even action.

President Roosevelt's statement at the press conference on Saturday that he had reached a full understanding with Mr. Churchill on all phases of foreign policy strengthened the belief in well informed circles that the President had brought to the conference with Mr. Hull strong British commitments in the Far Eastern programme and their readiness to back the United States in resistance to Japan's further advance.

Tatuta Maru Poisoning

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
YOKOHAMA, August 17 (Domei).—Despite the frantic efforts of two doctors and 16 nurses rushed to the Tatuta Maru as soon as the N.Y.K. liner arrived shortly after midnight, two more of the 120 passengers stricken with ptomaine poisoning died early this morning raising the death toll to nine.

Thirteen others who were in a serious condition were rushed immediately to hospitals as the Tatuta Maru docked here early this morning. Members of the Kanagawa Prefectural Sanitation Office and the Water Police authorities are investigating the cause for which omelettes served on the last day of the voyage are blamed.

Sadao Oshima who was in charge of cooking, repeating reports, declared that it was the first happening of the kind for more than 30 years of his services aboard ships.

SINO ENGINEERS SEEK BETTER CONDITIONS

Chinese engineers and machine-shop workers in the Colony who have been negotiating for some time past for better standards of pay and employment conditions compatible with the increased cost of living, are now reported to have received counter-proposals from their employers.

Representatives of the Chinese Engineering Society will confer this afternoon with the Labour Officer, Mr. B. C. K. Hawkins. It is not known what proposals have been received from employers.

The Society, one of the biggest labour organisations in Hongkong, acts for several thousand people working for Chinese factories here.

MORE AUSTRALIAN TROOPS ARRIVE IN MALAYA



As the situation in the Far East moves into crisis tension again comfort is given to the democratic front by the appearance in Malaya of thousands of these husky, devil-may-care Australian soldiers—only a part of the huge defensive front that is being built up.

American Missionaries Accused By Japanese

—Aid To Communists
Special to the "Telegraph"
SHANGHAI, Aug. 17 (UP).—Japanese authorities have informed the United States Consul General that the Japanese yesterday released nine Americans who were being held at Tsing-kiangpu, Kiangsu.

HISTORIC MEETING

LONDON, Aug. 17 (Reuter).—"Good morning. How are you?" were the first words the Premier Mr. Churchill said as he shook hands with President Roosevelt at their historic meeting, according to the film record of this encounter which has been flown to London and which has just arrived.

The unedited version of the film was shown privately to a number of journalists to-night, with, however, the majority of the sound track omitted.

The film does not show the two statesmen in actual conference, but a naval officer who accompanied the party stated that during the greater part of the time the two men talked alone in a cabin on the upper deck of the American cruiser where the President had his headquarters.

Premier Piped Aboard
The film shows Mr. Churchill being piped aboard the American cruiser wearing a yachting cap and smoking a cigar, and also shows Mr. Churchill handing President Roosevelt a message from the King.

It also shows a service held on board the Prince of Wales, with **TURN to Back Page, Column 5**

China Ready For 4-Power Alliance

CHUNGKING, Aug. 18 (Central News).—The hope recently expressed by a London observer for the early conclusion of a Four-Power alliance, including China and Russia, is compatible with China's national policy to enlist all anti-aggression forces to suppress Japan in order to safeguard permanent peace in the Far East, declares the official "Central Daily News" in an editorial to-day.

The paper suggests that anti-aggression Powers should immediately map out a working plan for political, economic and military co-operation, and also a more effective tactical programme for the total defeat of aggression.

For the past four years China has been engaging in a life-and-death struggle to shatter the dream of the aggressor while offering adequate time to Britain, the United States and other anti-aggression countries for an eventual reckoning with Japan, continues the paper. As soon as Japan joined the Axis, China urged the United States to take measures to check the spread of aggression.

It may not be necessary to form a formal alliance between the Democracies to attain this end, the newspaper declares. However, the anti-aggression bloc must co-operate politically, economically and militarily with a central planning organisation. Furthermore, Japan, the first disturber of world peace and at the same time the weakest link of the Axis, should first be crushed in order to safeguard the rear of the anti-aggression bloc for its gigantic onslaught against the Nazis.

CAIRO, Aug. 17 (Reuter).—At Tobruk our patrols continue actively inflicting casualties on enemy working parties. In the frontier area the situation unchanged, states an official Middle East communique.

LATEST

See Back Page For
Further Late News

Japanese Agency Involves Portugal In Allied Front

Special to the "Telegraph"
MADRID, Aug. 17 (Domei).—It is reliably reported that the Anglo-American declaration outlining a new world order under the Anglo-Saxon pattern constitutes the sixth and last part of a British-United States protocol signed by President Roosevelt and the British Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, outlining all-out Anglo-American co-operation.

According to the report, the protocol:

Firstly, defines the means and character of American aid to Britain.

Secondly, deals with the aid under the Lend-Lease provision by which the United States will provide Britain with armaments to the total value of \$7,000,000,000.

Thirdly, stipulates joint economic and military strategy against Japan.

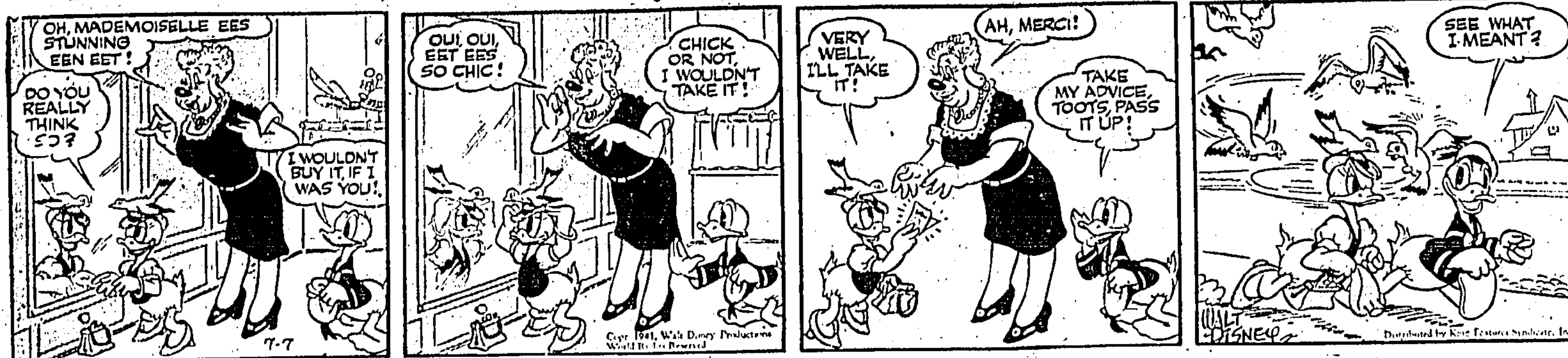
Fourthly, deals with the part Portugal plays in the Anglo-American strategy against the Axis in Europe (unconfirmed rumours said that the Portuguese took part in the high seas conference).

Fifthly, envisages measures to be taken against France.

Sixthly, lays down the 8-point formula for the world order.

It is pointed out that these terms will give an entirely new complexion to the Anglo-American accord since it constitutes a watertight alliance which President Roosevelt concluded without consulting Congress.

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Bowlers On Top In Matches At Home

LONDON, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—While bowlers dominated the Lord's match between the R.A.F. and Sir Pelham Warner's eleven, the inter-county game at Trent-bridge brought two centuries. Nottinghamshire declared with 200 for four wickets and Leicestershire lost two wickets for 55 in the available time, the game being drawn. The first two Nottinghamshire batsmen, who have played for Glamorgan and Northamptonshire, Matthews took six for 31, getting three in one over and opposition was all out for 8 before lunch.

One-day Match. Warner's eleven beat the Airman by 20 runs. Batting first, Warner's did little against the grand bowling of Austin Matthews, who has played for Glamorgan and Northamptonshire. Matthews took six for 31, getting three in one over and opposition was all out for 8 before lunch.

The Airman however, against a battery of fast bowlers, collapsed with only 61. Sergeant Parker, with 22, alone reaching double figures.

With time available, the teams battled again. Warner's declaring 65 for 3, the Airman getting 61 for 5, and Warner's being judged winners on the first innings.

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Nazi Cities Again Bombed And Fired

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Aug. 17 (UP).—It is authoritatively reported that the Royal Air Force attacked Cologne, Düsseldorf, Duisburg, the Ruhr Valley and also ports in the occupied areas during the night, adding that "many large fires were started."

Fighters Downed

LONDON, Aug. 17 (Reuter).—It is learned that four enemy fighters have been destroyed during operations by our fighters over the Channel and northern France to-day.

Raiding Britain

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".—A joint communiqué issued by the Air Ministry and the Ministry of Home Security stated that a few German raiders operated off the coast of eastern and southeastern England during the night.

Some few inland bombing several points. "These caused some damage but the number of casualties is reported to be very small although they include a small number who lost their lives in a town of southeastern England."

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LETTERS

Dissatisfaction Over Rent

The Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.

Sir,—The Prevention of Eviction Ordinance was, admittedly, intended as a salutary measure to restrain insatiable landlords from rapaciously exploiting their unfortunate tenants by periodically increasing the rents of their dwellings whose refusal to comply with the demands would, been known, result in the certainty of their being evicted from their homes; for "the power of eviction is, in the words of the Honourable the Attorney General at the time of the passing of the original ordinance, "a terrible weapon in such a congested Colony as Hongkong."

For this Ordinance, which confers relief and benefit, and which His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, was undoubtedly responsible for bringing into being, he will be ever gratefully remembered by the public of Hongkong as one of his outstanding achievements. Nevertheless, the periodical raising of the rents of the poor tenants by their greedy landlords is, unfortunately, as rampant as ever, and the reason that few voices have been raised in indignant protest against the landlords' insatiable greed is that the great majority of the tenants belong to the poor ignorant class of natives, who rather than refuse to comply with their landlords' unjust demands would meekly submit to them for fear of being turned out of their homes.

On the question of the assessment of rent, on which landlords seem to place much reliance, it is evident that, because of the hazardous way in which it had, in some instances, been made, it leaves much to be desired.

Take a case point: Exactly six months after the Eviction Ordinance had been passed, the rent of a flat was increased 25 per cent and only last year the old landlord again gave notice of a further increase in rent; but after having pointed out to him the disadvantage of this flat in comparison with those of adjoining houses, he was amenable to reason and did not raise the rent; but no sooner had the present new landlord acquired these houses than he immediately raised the rent of every flat, and to implement it he had recourse to the Assessor.

In due course, and without any notice, a party consisting of a European and a Chinese from the Assessment Department came to the above flat and began measuring it, which like most corner Chinese tenement houses is surrounded by frail glass windows giving into an apology for a verandah of only 2 feet 9 inches in width which served no useful purpose.

Now, to obtain space sufficient for three cubicles, these have to be erected against the glass windows which, being exposed completely to sun and rain, make it impossible to put them in such a position; so they have to be placed against the wall which, owing to the space taken up by the entrance, leaves just sufficient space for only two cubicles; whereas all the flats of adjoining houses have three cubicles.

Therefore, it is quite clear that, according to the dictates of common sense, any increases in rent should be apportioned proportionately, taking into consideration the disadvantages of each individual flat; but, instead of such apportionment, the rent of a flat containing only two cubicles has been increased 50 per cent more than the increase in the rent of flats containing three cubicles each, which is really what has been done in this case.

Consequently, the question is irresistible that consequent upon the disproportionate increases in the rents between the above and the "other flats, the assessment is, to say the least, wrong because it was not intelligently made.

Moreover, the rent of the above flat has since the beginning of the war already been increased exactly 102½ per cent—a fact which the person who made the assessment and recommended the unfortunate increase in rent did not probably know.

Furthermore, if like the Urban Council which could find it no inconvenience to distribute thousands of notices to householders informing them days in advance of the date that their dwellings would be cleansed, surely the Assessors' Department can easily do the same since it has but very few notices for distribution; and, by doing so, some proper person may be enabled not only to attend the party from the Assessors' Department on their calling at the premises but also to furnish them with certain relevant facts which they may be unaware of or unable to see for themselves without being brought to their notice; thus much friction and even annoyance can be avoided; while intelligent assessment should be the result.

J. M. KAVIN.

*Address of the case in point has been eliminated—Editor.

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and Stripes; Washington Post,

Rawicz and Landauer (Piano Duet);

Semper Fidelis March, The Band of

H. M. Coldstream Guards.

1.18 Plantation Songs.

Camptown Races; Uncle Ned; Ring

De Banjo (S. C. Foster), Frank

Luthardt and The Lay Murray Quartet

Piano; Plantation Songs, Paul

Robeson (Bass) with Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and

Announcements.

1.45 Delibes—Sylvia Ballet.

Symphony Orchestra conducted

by John Barbirolli.

2.02 Violin Solos by Joseph

Szigeti.

Scene De La Czarina No. 3 (Hun-

garian Gypsy Fantasy—Hubay).

Norwegian Song—Snow (Sigurd

Lie) Gavotte (From "Classical

Symphony"—Prokofiev); Danse

Russe (From "Petrouchka"—

Stravinsky).

2.15 Close Down.

6.40 India Programme.

6.45 Closing Local Stock Quo-

tations.

6.47 The Boston Promenade Or-

chestra and Rose Hampton (Con-

tralto).

Hungarian Dance No. 5; Hungarian

Dance No. 3 (Brahms); The Boston

Promenade Orch; "Song Offerings";

When I Bring You Colour'd Toys

Light, My Light, Rose Hampton with

Piano, Pavanne (Coud) Toy Trumpet

(Scott); The Boston Promenade

Orchestra; Swans (Walter Kramer);

Rose Hampton with Piano; Land-

au (From "Maxwell House"); The

Boston Promenade Orchestra.

7.17 Piano and Organ Duets by

Patricia Rossborough and Robinson

Cleaver.

7.30 Variety with Nora Blaney,

Flotsam and Jetsam, The Boswell

Sisters and Others.

8.0 London Relay—The News.

8.15 London Relay—War Com-

mentary.

8.25 London Relay—Listening

Post.

Examination of Points in Daily

German Propaganda.

8.30 Programme Summary.

8.35 Folk Songs and Music.

9.0 Local Time Signal and An-

nouncements.

9.02 This week's programmes.

9.05 Studio—Talk by Mr. J. F.

MacGregor on "The British Prisoners

of War Fund."

9.15 Arensky—Trio in D Minor,

Op. 32.

Eileen Joyce (Piano) Henr.

Temlianka (Violin), and Antoni Sala

("Cello).

9.45-10.00 News in French (On

Short Wave).

9.45 Operatic Duets.

"Samson And Delilah"—Softly

Awakes My Heart (Saint-Seans),

Mlle. C. Gernay and M. Georges

Thill w. Orch.; "The Force Of

Destiny"—In This Solemn Hour

(Verdi), Charles Kullman and Wal-

ter Grossmann with members of the

State Opera House Orchestra.

10.0 London—The News and News

Commentary.

10.15 A Programme of Dance

Music.

11.0 London—"News From Home"

by Howard Marshall.

11.15 Close down.

Sicily and North Africa Raked by Royal Air Force

CAIRO, Aug. 17 (Reuter).—A successful raid on Sicily on Friday night was reported in the R.A.F. communiqué to-day which states:

"Sicily: Heavy R.A.F. bombers carried out a successful raid on the port of Catania during Friday night, and many bombs were dropped on the central mole, railway stations, Customs buildings and warehouses, causing one large fire and many small ones.

Later, an explosion occurred when the flames were rising to a height of 800 feet and were visible for 70 miles. Sweeps were made by fighters over southern Sicily yesterday but no combat resulted.

"Cyrenaica: During Friday night R.A.F. bombers raided aerodromes at Berka and Benina, and the ports of Bardia and Benghazi. At Benina direct hits were registered on hangars and administrative buildings. Control offices were set on fire, and there were a number of explosions. "At Berka, grounded aircraft were attacked. Aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm, supported by R.A.F. Bombers, successfully raided Bardia and bombed shipping at Benghazi.

Tobruk.

"Enemy gun positions south of our positions at Tobruk were subjected to a heavy bombardment by the combined forces of the R.A.F. and South African Air Force bombers and fighters.

Hongkong News of the Week

A Page For The Evacuees

Monday

August 11

Storage of Water. The total contents of the island reservoirs at the end of July showed a slight decrease compared with the corresponding period last year, there being 2,284.0 million gallons as against 2,359.20 million gallons.

Consumption on the Island. During July 2,772 million gallons by an estimated population of 777,000 at the rate of 27.2 gallons per head per day, compared with 2,620.98 million gallons by 830,000 persons at 24.1 gallons per head per day last year.

On the Mainland, the total storage was 3,008.71 million gallons against 3,002.25 million gallons on August last year.

Excluding Lai Chi Kok Water Bore Docks, consumption of filtered water in Kowloon and New Kowloon during the month totalled 451.9 million gallons by an estimated population of 653,000 at the rate of 23.4 gallons per head per day, against 436.23 million gallons by 770,000 persons at 16.3 gallons per head per day last year. The Lai Chi Kok Water Bore Dock consumed 4.20 million gallons, as against 7.95 million gallons, while consumption of unfiltered water in villages (independent supply) was 19.07 million gallons, compared with 14.87 million gallons in July last year. As was the case last year, there was a constant supply both on the island and Mainland, and reports of the Government Bacteriologist and Chemist show that the quality of the water was excellent.

Rainfall in inches recorded during the month was: Botanical Gardens, 22.57; Tsim Tsz, 25.58; Tsim Tsz, 26.04; Wong Nei Chung, 24.41; Pokfulam, 22.33; Aberdeen, 26.95; Royal Observatory, 21.45; Shing Mun No. 1, 22.08; Shing Mun No. 2, 31.74; Shing Mun No. 3, 30.86; Shing Mun No. 4, 31.28; Shing Mun No. 5, 31.50; Shing Mun No. 6, 32.55; Kowloon, 27.50; Shek O, 20.71; Tai Po, 23.54; Fanling, 27.70; Pui O, 27.44; and Tsim Tsz, 27.70.

Total rainfall recorded by the Royal Observatory from the beginning of the year up to July 31 was 78.10 inches, compared with 71.00 inches for the corresponding period last year.

High Living Cost. The Committee appointed by His Excellency the Governor to advise on high cost of living allowances for dollar-paid Government officials who are on the permanent staff, other than those whose salaries do not exceed \$35 a month, held another meeting on Friday, July 12, at 10 a.m. in the presence of Mr. Justice P. E. Cressall.

The proceedings were private, but it was learned that the Hon. Mr. W. A. J. Carr, Chairman of the Urban Council, gave evidence.

Other members of the Committee are the Hon. Mr. Li Tse-fong, Mr. A. C. Taylor, Mr. Ng Chak-wing and Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen. Mrs. W. A. Jones is the Secretary.

Mr. H. S. Gao. The following letter has been received from the Rev. J. R. Higgins, S.R.—Will you allow me the use of your columns once again to my goodbyes, to all my friends in the Colony, to my fellow members of the various committees and bodies on which I served, and to thank all those, both in Hongkong and Kowloon, who have given me and St. Andrew's Church so much support during the last seven years?

It is with the deepest regret that I leave a place where I have been so happy and made so many friends. However, it is not in my nature to be really at ease where injustice flourishes and where privilege is abused.

I sincerely trust that those who have had their wives compulsorily evacuated may soon be reunited, and that Hongkong may see fit to allow a little of that "freedom" for which the Empire is fighting.

With appreciation of the many times you have allowed me the use of your columns, and with the earnest hope that the Colony may continue to preserve its ways in peace.

J. R. Higgins, New Zealand.

Old Resident Dead. The death occurred suddenly today in Kowloon of Mr. John Dobson, of the Public Works Department, an old and well-known resident of the Colony.

Born in Preston, Lancashire, on March 20, 1902, Mr. Dobson arrived here in August 1929 and had been attached continuously to the Buildings Ordinance Office of the P.W.D.

A member of Kowloon Football Club almost since his arrival, he was a member of the Club's bowls team.

Mr. Dobson leaves a widow, who is in Hongkong.

Car Drivers Strike. There were no yellow cabs on the streets today as the drivers had gone on strike following two recent incidents.

On August 4 a driver was dismissed following a collision on the Peak and his colleagues, considering that he was not culpable, had considered making representations to the Company for his reinstatement.

On Sunday a dispute between two drivers who applied for leave and the Company ended in a deadlock and the drivers supported their colleagues by not attending duty yesterday.

Two conferences were held between the Company and representatives of the drivers, with the Labour Officer presiding, but no settlement was reached.

Tuesday

August 12

Men Thrown Over Cliff. Packed with 18 Volunteers and Regulars, a truck somersaulted off Cape d'Agulhar Road to-night and dropped 400 feet to the sea. By an amazing chance, no one was killed but nine are in hospital.

The casualty list is: Admitted to Hospital—Dennis Edward Smith, 22, believed fractured ribs and internal injuries; Harry William Buckingham, 33, head injuries; conclusion, facial lacerations; John Gerard Healy, 27, head injuries; Douglas Harvey Collier Taylor, 27, W. N. Brown, W. P. Clemow, N. F. Tucker, T. H. Henningsen, A. Folsand, treated but not detained.

Treskin, J. Carr, Pomeroy. Others concerned include the following:

1. Except under and in accordance with the terms of a written permission under the hand of the Commissioner of Police or an officer deputized by him in that behalf, no person shall sell and no person shall buy any motor vehicle, not being a commercial motor vehicle or a motor omnibus, motor bicycle or motor tricycle, within the limits of the regulations under the Vehicles and Traffic Regulation Ordinance, 1912.

2. The Commissioner of Police may in his discretion grant or refuse any permission under this order provided that there shall be an appeal from any decision of the Commissioner of Police under this paragraph to a committee consisting of the Financial Secretary, the Defence Secretary and the Controller of Land Transport, whose decision shall be final.

It will be recalled that a recent notification indicated that the Commissioner of Police may refuse to issue a permit for the use of motor vehicles, at his discretion.

Firewood Problem. Mr. W. J. Anderson, Controller of Stores, disclosed that a shipment of 1,500 tons of firewood arrived in the Colony on Friday night and that 18,000 tons is the approximate total import expected this month. At present six ships are in use and imports have been adequately maintained.

Mr. Anderson referred to the many complaints regarding the "black" market and pointed out that every thing was being done to get rid of the people responsible. That was why Government had been asked for extended powers and these had been granted as published in the Government Gazette on Saturday. It was hoped that drastic action under the new powers would out the people who were really the cause of all the trouble—holding up of firewood and not selling at the proper rate.

Referring to those people who had seen him with complaints Mr. Anderson revealed that when he asked whether they would support their statements, they refused. He said that the evidence would have to be given. Unless conclusive evidence of breach of the Firewood Order was produced there could be no convictions.

Concluding, Mr. Anderson stated that in every case brought to his attention he had taken the strongest action possible. Now, probably more could be done in the same direction, but he had. If they were willing to pay unrecognised prices, the whole object of the Order would be defeated.

Cholera Infection. The Medical Authorities have renewed their warning against bathing in the harbour, and the fact that the water is still infected with the Cholera bacteria is a warning to the public.

The Authorities point out that a considerable volume of sewage flows into the harbour, that 2,400 cases of Cholera have been reported in the past twelve months, that many persons act as "carriers" of the Cholera germ for months after recovery, and that the germ can remain viable in seawater for over forty days.

The wisdom of heeding the advice of the Authorities in this matter, it is pointed out, must be apparent to all.

Colony's Weather. "It is nothing out of the ordinary," said Mr. B. D. Evans, Director of the Royal Observatory, when he reported that the temperature registered during the past few days.

Mr. Evans disclosed that the maximum temperature of 82.5 degrees was recorded on Saturday, the highest for the month so far. The temperature on Sunday was 81.8 degrees and yesterday 80.8 degrees. The temperature had been high since Saturday, and the high week-end temperatures were due to western, overland winds caused by the presence of a typhoon near Shanghai.

The temperature dropped since the winds were blowing from the east. The mean maximum temperature in Hongkong during August is around 80 degrees and the highest maximum temperature ever recorded here was 87.0 degrees in 1900. A reading of 83.7 degrees was recorded in 1906, and on only five occasions since has the mean temperature exceeded 83 degrees.

Today's barometer reading of 29.93 was quite normal for this time of the year.

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August 13

D'Agulhar Accident Fatality. Further details of the crash of an Army truck containing 10 Volunteers of the 1st Battery, over the cliff on the road leading to Cape d'Agulhar on Tuesday night were revealed today.

The amazing escape of the majority of the men was, however, clouded by the death from injuries yesterday morning of one of their number, Bombardier Dennis Edward Smith, 22, who suffered fractured ribs, internal injuries and severe shock.

Three of the Volunteers were thrown out of the truck when it shot over the steep hillside, which had a sheer drop of some 200 feet. Despite minor injuries, they walked over two miles to the Cape d'Agulhar, where the rest of the 1st Battery were preparing to leave for Headquarters after the day's manoeuvres, and secured help.

Rescue operations were carried out in pitch darkness, only relieved by a few hurricane lamps and torches.

Eight of the Volunteers are still being detained in hospital. Of these, L/Bdr H. W. Buckingham and Gnr W. M. Brown have serious injuries, the former suffering from fractures of the tibia and radius, and the latter a compound fracture of the left leg.

The others are suffering from lesser injuries and are being treated at the Regular forces also involved in the accident are being treated at the Military Hospital.

Eyewitness Story. According to an eyewitness story, the vehicle which was a heavy six-ton searchlight lorry, overturned on the narrow roadway near Windy Gap, when a heavy drum containing a cable line being carried in the lorry, became unhinged from its davits and started swinging from side to side.

The wheel of the lorry struck the cable across the roadway which bordered the steep hillside, some 200 feet in depth and the next moment the vehicle was pulled over the precipice.

The driver, Mr. Douglas Taylor, and L/Bdr H. W. Buckingham and Gnr W. M. Brown were thrown clear and rolled some way down the embankment, but the rest of the crew were trapped beneath the lorry, before the vehicle was pulled up by an obstructing tree.

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Thursday

August 14

Funeral of Bdr. Smith. There was a large gathering at the military funeral of Bdr. Dennis Edward Smith, 22, which took place in the Colonial Cemetery, where Rev. C. A. Higgins officiated.

Bdr. Smith was the son of Mr. W. Smith, chief draughtsman of the Public Works Department, and Mrs. Smith, who is an evacuee in Australia. Born on September 30, 1918, he joined the Hongkong Government service in 1939.

He was posted to the Colonial Secretary's Office in March of this year, and was appointed store-keeper in the Police Department, and was transferred to the Crown Audit Office in October last year.

The coffin was draped with a Union Jack and bore Bdr. Smith's uniform, helmet, belt and side-arms. It was carried from the hearse to the grave by pall-bearers Mr. J. Carr, Mr. A. S. Blais, K. Wilkens, George Arnold, W. C. Low, C. A. Smith and M. M. Swan.

Members of all Batteries of the Volunteers attended in force, and other units were represented. Regimental Sgt-Major F. C. Jones was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Hamilton, of the Police Reserve, comprising six members from each of the four companies, paraded under Mr. W. R. Chester-Woods, A.S.P., and Adjutant-in-Chief, Bdr. Smith, for his past services as store-keeper at Police Headquarters.

Among officers of the Volunteers present were Col H. B. Rose (Commandant), Major J. W. Watson (Officer Commanding Corps Artillery), Lieut J. K. R. MacGregor, Royal Scots, representing Major-General C. M. Malby, General Officer Commanding the Troops, Lieut C. J. Gray, R.I.C.M., V.R. (representing Commodore A. C. Collinson, R.N.), Major N. Garland, Capt G. F. Tees, Capt C. W. L. Cole, Lieut D. McEllan, Lieut K. M. A. Guterres, Lieut H. S. Jones, Lieut J. J. Forrow, F. J. Anslow, A. H. Dinnen, J. R. Carr, one of the Volunteers on the truck, D. J. Lopes, G. Griggs, F. V. Wong, and L/Cpl N. B. White (representing A.S.C. Company, H.K.V.D.C.).

At the end of the funeral service, two buglers of the Royal Scots sounded the "Last Post" and the bereaved parents were lowered into the grave with the coffin.

A profusion of floral tributes was sent by friends. Commandant and Officers, H.K.V.D.C., units of the Corps Government departments, and associations.

Hongkong's Defences. Mr. Harrison Forman, well-known N.B.C. commentator, gave another broadcast to the United States from ZBW this morning, when he described an interview he had with the G.O.C., H.E. Major-General C. M. Malby, who spoke confidently of the Colony's defences.

Mr. Forman also referred to "Somebody" who was "mysteriously disappearing up country," and hazarded the opinion that should Japan attack Hongkong she might discover squadrons of these planes suddenly appearing from "somewhere in Free China."

The text of Mr. Forman's broadcast follows: N.B.C. This is Harrison Forman speaking from Hongkong, China, on the opposite side of the globe from most of you in America. It's exactly ten minutes to nine in the morning here—Thursday morning.

Yesterday I called upon the newly-arrived General Officer Commanding the Troops in Hongkong, Major-General C. M. Malby. Though he received me well after the closing hour of a normal working day, he was still at his desk with his high top hat on his head. He wore khaki shorts and an open-necked shirt, which framed a deeply bronzed face, brightened by a pair of blue eyes, and topped with a shock of curly sandy hair. Muddy shoes and burrs on his socks suggested a strenuous day in the open with his troops.

I asked him instantly. And so does everyone I've talked to about him—especially military men. He's a man's man, a soldier's soldier, who isn't afraid of his hands. A man to inspire confidence; and the man necessary to counterbalance civilian Hongkong's ostrichism.

I asked him what he thought of Hongkong, and her chances if war came to her doorstep. A military man, he answered in military terms:

"Hongkong has the greatest concentration of guns in the British Empire—of all types, from the biggest of large-calibre coastal defence guns to high altitude anti-aircraft guns. And from what I've seen during my rounds of inspections, I can say that I am more than satisfied with the degree of efficiency, training and accuracy of the gunners in their practice shoots. More than pleased, too, with the men themselves, who are mostly seasoned troops of extraordinary high morale."

"I'm confident," he concluded, "that we'll put up a jolly good show, come what may."

Well, in my opinion, blitzkrieg war has proven the value of two important weapons—the tank and the warplane. For Hongkong, the principal part of its defence is a carefully planned small island of steep-sided hills, the tank is immediately ruled out. But with Japanese aeroplanes in occupied China, training and accuracy of the gunners in their practice shoots. More than pleased, too, with the men themselves, who are mostly seasoned troops of extraordinary high morale."

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Saturday

August 16

A.R.P. Farewell. A farewell inspection of the Yumail and Shamshui Divisions of Air Raid Wardens was made by Wing-Commander A. H. S. Steele-Perkins, Director of Air Raid Precautions, at the Club ground, King's Park, yesterday.

Under the command of Mr. C. E. Terry, Chief Warden, Kowloon, some 600 wardens of both sexes lined up at the ground at 7 p.m. Accompanied by his Deputy, Mr. B. H. Puckle, the Director arrived shortly after and inspected the Divisions.

Wing-Commander Steele-Perkins said he was very proud of the ex-

cellent work done by the wardens and thanked them for the loyal support they had given him. He was glad the Department had trained a large group of disciplined young men and women, who were not only indispensable in time of war, but would be very useful in peace time.

The Director disclosed that Mr. Puckle would succeed him as Director and Mr. Terry would take over Major C. M. Manners' post as Chief Warden, Kowloon.

Others present included Major Manners, Lieut-Col. E. D. Matthews, (Deputy Chief Warden, Kowloon), Mr. H. W. Rogers, (Divisional Warden, Kowloon), Mr. C. P. Murphy, (Head Warden, Yumail), and Mr. E. Hunsford, (Divisional Warden, Shamshui).

The "V" for Victory. The S. C. M. Post has received from the Shanghai Royal Air Force Association a supply of the "V" for Victory badges, which are proving so popular in the North. In both the button-hole and brooch form, these badges are well made in silver and enamel, taking the form of the international flag code sign "V", which indicates "We need your assistance." The badges have been supplied free of cost to the S.H.A.F. by a gentleman who wishes to remain anonymous, the only stipulation being that they shall be sold for not less than \$10 Shanghai currency, and \$2 Hongkong currency. Badges may be obtained at the Morning Post Building, and it is understood that the Commission later it is hoped to arrange other local distributing centres. The entire proceeds from the sale in Hongkong will be devoted to the Bomber Fund, and a cheque for \$125 has already been received by the S. C. M. Post from the first sales made in the Colony.

The "V" sign in another form will also be seen in Hongkong, Miss Maynard of St. George's Building having also arranged to sell a distinctive emblem which incorporates the symbol of victory. These will be on sale at Miss Maynard's fashion centre shortly.

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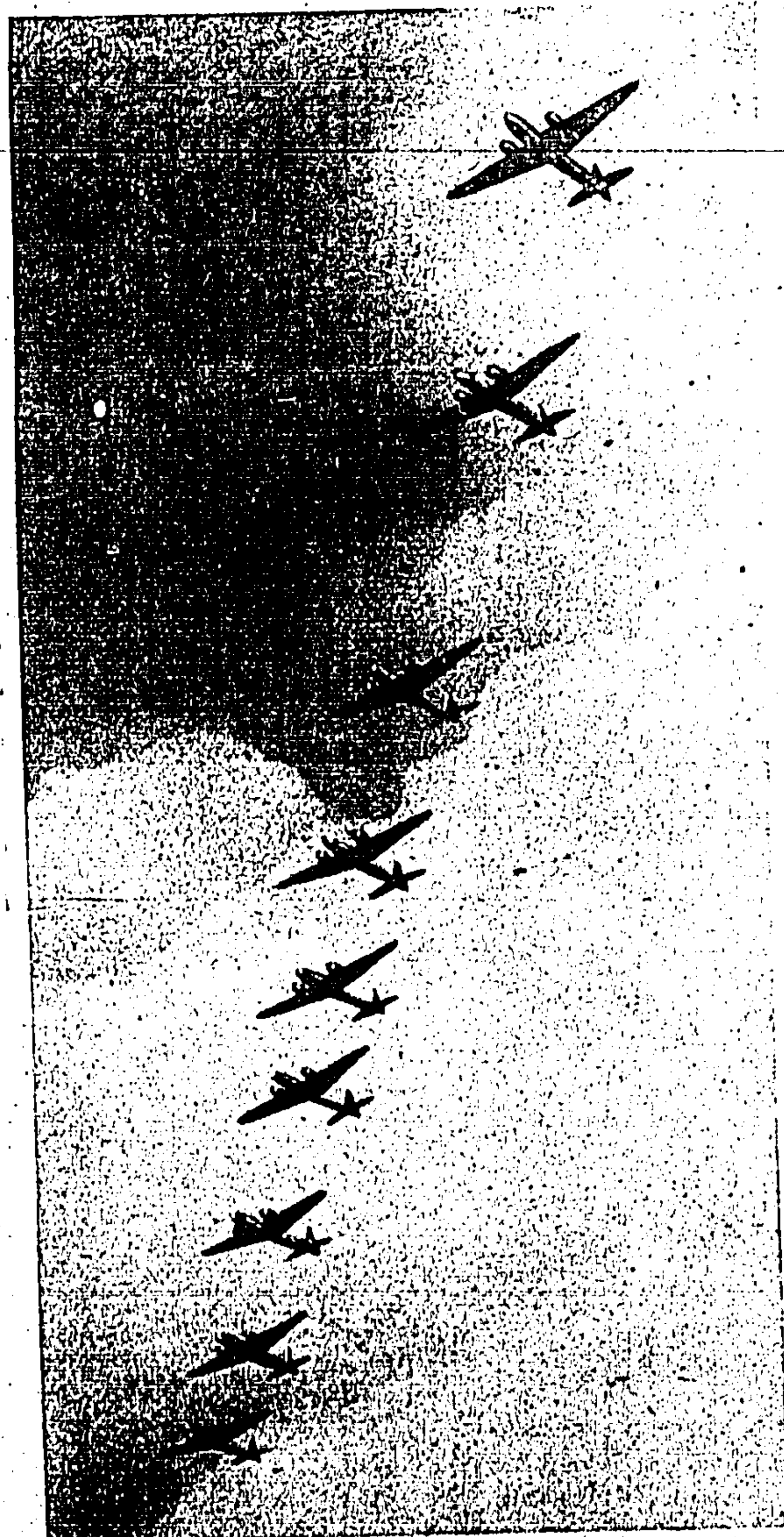
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DEATH

OSMUND.—At his Residence No. 1 Liberty Avenue, Ernest Edgar Osmund at the age of 37 years. Funeral will pass the Monument at 5.30 p.m. to-day. (Shanghai paper please copy).

The Hongkong Telegraph.

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DAWN OVER CHINA

China has a brighter future visible through the smoke and flames of conflict than she has seen at any other time in this second world war.

For this she has to thank the adjustment to conditions that has been effected in four years of upheaval over a vast continent under a stern administration that has won for the first time a unity over all China with the important exception of the Communists. They may yet be weaned wholly to China nationalism.

Secondly, she thanks the events that have turned the democracies against Japan and to China's aid.

It is a comfort to those friends of China in the know that Chungking is enduring its last unrestricted bombing season. The fogs and rains of winter will soon slow down the Japanese offensive and shortly after that there will come into operation the first effective air force of Free China. What this heralds is a matter of surmise yet but it can be expected that the war front will recede from South China and Hongkong. Canton is the weak link in Japan's north to south movable fortification system comprising navy, air squadrons and garrisons. Rather than strengthen Canton at the expense of the important north and south expansion programmes it is likely that the invaders will leave its defence in the hands of Wang-controlled puppet troops. Such defence would not hold out long since Canton is already completely surrounded by Chinese troops who can be easily reinforced. The new Chinese air force too, can be expected to make navigation of the Pearl River a hazardous matter. In view of these events, which will certainly occur unless some remarkable withdrawing of Japan's horns elsewhere on the front takes place, it is a logical conclusion

Wall Street: U.S. WILL JOIN IN WAR

By Frank Glassey
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

NEW YORK, Aug. 17 (UP).—A vast majority of those who compose the city's financial community believes that the United States will enter the war as an active participant; yet Wall Street is already discussing the question of what industries are likely to benefit with the return of peace.

American companies listed by brokers as among those whose earnings should be favourably affected by peace include manufacturers of food, glass, chemicals, electrical equipment and automobiles, as well as motion picture producers, air transportation lines and some branches of retail trade.

Wall Street's conviction that the United States will eventually be drawn into a "shooting war" is based on the theory that the conflict will be protracted, and that Germany and the United States will clash over control of Atlantic shipping lanes.

Meanwhile brokers have been answering requests by clients for the names of companies that might be benefited by a return to normal peace-time activity. They have also been compiling tabulations of industries likely to experience depression after the end of the war.

Industries Affected

A survey by the National Association of Manufacturers, summarising opinion as to probable adverse results of cessation of hostilities, listed the following industries as most likely to be affected, in the order mentioned: armament producers, machinery and machine tools, construction, shipbuilding, transportation, aviation, mining, the automobile industry, and industries with rigid prices.

Investment counsel point out that the nature of the peace will fundamentally affect industry and securities. If it should be merely an armed truce, industry would continue to be geared up to huge armament production. Reduction of armaments would, of course, entirely change this picture.

Shipbuilding

Some brokers disagree with the Association of Manufacturers when it classifies shipbuilding as one of the industries which will not benefit financially from peace. These brokers contend that the United States will never again be without a large navy and merchant marine in the battle for world trade.

Less than a dozen companies are now engaged in large-scale ship construction, and their capacity could be utilised for many years merely in completing the present programme. With shipbuilding being destroyed at an estimated 5,000,000 tons a year, a shortage appears inevitable for a long period. Private shipyards have contracted to construct approximately 900 vessels of a total of 6,000,000 tons, and less than 1,500,000 tons are scheduled for delivery in 1941.

Proponents of investments in glass manufacturing point out that this is the most destructive war in history, and that a heavy bomb which tears a building apart will also break windows over a large area. Some experts argue that all the glass factories in the world would have to work for many years to replace Europe when the war is ended.

Before the war, American motion pictures were supreme in world markets. The industry has adjusted itself to the loss of the European market, but Hollywood authorities anticipate renewed income from that source when the war ends, while many of them hope for the release of funds now tied up in Germany, Italy and other warring nations.

to assume that the defence of Hongkong is bound up with the fortunes of China notwithstanding the absence of a military agreement between the two countries.



ONE MAN AND HIS DOG WOULD LIKE TO MOW A MEADOW

UTILITARIAN ROLE OF CHINA'S DOGS

By T. Paul Gregory

THE WORLD IS GOING TO THE DOGS.

In a literal sense this is true, for during the last twenty-five years, the breeding of the ubiquitous canine has assumed the aspect of a major industry. Although His Highness the Dog has been numbered as man's most faithful friend and companion for countless generations, it required the stimulus of the first Great War to put the canine creation in its proper light. Perhaps the reason for this was on account of the tales of the family quadruped doing its bit in the trenches along with its master. Dogs were rated among the heroes in the 1914-18 conflict, and some received medals for their exploits. For instance, Lieutenant "Bobby," an unusually sagacious pup, was the only dog officer in the American Army. Another cat-chasing terror was "Rags," who carried messages under fire, and was gassed and wounded in action.

The growing interest in dogs has not been curbed by the advent of another war, more utterly savage than the bloodiest dog-fight ever conceived by simple-minded Fido. Although the blitz may reach new heights of ruthlessness and warring nations may exterminate whole populations in their efforts to ram their doctrines down others' throats, the love for man's best friend cannot be eradicated. A pooch is a pooch whether living in a democratic or in a totalitarian state, and though a man's political opinions may be as cockeyed as a crazy quilt, to his dog he is just a two-legged being to be loved, worshipped and obeyed.

THE DOG IS LOYALTY PERSONIFIED

and doesn't care a bone whether its master is a humble Democrat, a ranting Bolshevik or a militant Fascist. In a world of changing ideals, the faithfulness of the canine creation is the only thing that appears stable. It is, therefore, no mystery that the canine population has doubled during the last quarter of a century. In the United States the host of faithful Fidos has attained the estimated number of 12,000,000—one dog for every ten people in the land of the Stars and Stripes. The food bill for this vast canine concourse runs to about U.S.\$624,000,000 annually.

In China, the canine population is extremely large, for in this ancient land every creature is given the right to survive. If you estimate the number of works on the same basis as in other countries, you have a figure of at least 40,000,000. Dogs in this part of the East are not usually the pampered pets they are elsewhere: they have a more utilitarian role as watch dogs. Practically every Chinese household has its counterpart of faithful Fido and sagacious Rover.

THE DOG IN CHINA enjoys an almost legendary status, and Chinese traditional lore is filled

with the marvellous exploits of the super-canine termed the "ngao"—a creature of such supernatural sagacity that it could run rings around Min-Tin-Tin and other vaunted quadrupeds of Chinese history. Referred to as a "black-haired" race, the black-tongued Chow is perhaps the descendant of the domesticated dog brought into the Middle Kingdom by the first members of the "black-haired" race.

To a dog-lover, the two chief varieties of Chinese dogs—the Chow and the Peking—are among the most fascinating wonders of the canine creation. Dog fanciers unite in extolling the qualities of these two breeds, and to them such dogs are the only pooches worth having.

BUT TO THE CHINESE man-in-the-street, a dog is a dog—a creature performing a purely utilitarian role in society. It's a good pooch that can guard its master's house, and a worthless cur if it can't. As might be expected, the selection of a Chinese canine for its

role of watch dog is tinged with superstition. Fido's various physical traits are cited as pregnant proofs of canine ability. If the tail of the family quadruped inclines to the left, it is a sure sign that it is a good dog. The Cantonese say in this connection:

"Mei chuen choh Moon-hau m-shai soh." "If a dog's tail hangs to the left, it is not necessary to lock the door!"

Your amah will also aver that such and such a pooch is a canine wonder, and another apparently equally good-looking specimen of dogdom an unlucky animal. On asking this oracle for her reasons for such sweeping classification, you will find that she bases her judgment on the presence of the tuft of stiff hairs beneath Fido's chin. In fact the Cantonese have a saying:

"Yat lung Yi foo Sham—shui Si!" meaning that one hair under a dog's chin makes the canine like a dragon, two like a tiger, and three unlucky, while four signify that it is a har-

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CONTRACT BRIDGE

By JOSEPHINE CULBERTSON

The Double of One Notrump

NOTHING is more relative than not take it out unless he holds a term "weak hand." Most five-card, or longer suit with less players seem to feel that unless they have an honour-trick, or an extreme hold two or three top tricks they are frank upon which it appears that a game can be made. In this case, helplessness; they are not at all impressive. East had no live-card suit, hence he bid stoppers at queens and jacks, his pass was automatic. Moreover, yet on countless occasions just such the fact that he had the minor suits holdings are all that is required to reasonably controlled made a pass "wallop" the enemy. Note to-day's all the more attractive.

The advantage of treating the double of one notrump in this fashion was well exemplified in the play. West opened the bidding with spades and then shifted to the ducce of hearts. South ducked and East held the trick with his queen. He resisted the impulse to lead back a spade, and gave thought to a diamond shift. South could not have a strong diamond suit, since in that case his response would have been one diamond instead of one notrump. A diamond lead, therefore, would kill a high card in the South hand, and East still could be pretty sure of regaining the lead later on to return a spade. The jack of diamonds, therefore, was led to the third trick and from that point on things were easy for East and West. Declarer managed the new requirements in the Culbertson System. These provide that cards and suffered the staggering penalty of 1,000 points for a four-trick set.

To-morrow's Hand South dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

♠ K J 10
♥ K 8 4
♦ J 10 9 8 2
♣ Q 7

♠ 8 7 2
♥ Q 5 2
♦ K 6 4
♣ 5 3

♠ A 4 3
♥ J 9 7 6
♦ 7 5
♣ A J 10 9

West's double of one notrump in the old system was for a takeout, but even then there was a strong invitation for partner to pass and thereby convert it into a penalty double. The new system goes even further. The double itself is of the penalty variety and partner should South's three notrump contract?

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MONDAY MORNING COMMENTARY



THERE, THERE, DON'T CRY. Did the big bad man score a goal against you? Goalie and fullback in a soccer match in Buenos Aires threw themselves sobbing to the ground when one of the opposition scored a goal. A team-mate looks on with righteous disgust.

Brilliant Bowling By U.M. Omar

Champion Rink Beaten By Club-mates 22-13

Interesting Game At K.F.C.

(By "Wick")

Though it may be a slight exaggeration to say that U. M. Omar defeated R. Bassa, A. E. Coates, J. S. Landolt and C. S. Rosset in the last of the quarter-final matches in the rinks championship, there is no gainsaying the fact that he was primarily responsible for the defeat of the champions on the Kowloon F.C. green yesterday by 22-13.

Playing one of his best games for a considerable time, "U.M." carried his two younger brothers and B. W. Bradbury to the semi-finals. His was the dominating personality on the green and but for him the title-holders might have scraped through in view of the brilliant form of Landolt who, on numerous occasions, changed adverse positions into his side's favour, only to see his splendid work nullified by U. M. Omar.

While the standard of play was not always maintained at a high level, the game was nevertheless always interesting. This was due to the fact that the rinks were well-matched as regards the front men. A. M. Omar was definitely better than Bassa at No. 1. K. M. Omar and A. E. Coates shared the honours at No. 2, both being extremely steady. Landolt, however, was brilliant in the first 17 heads or so and almost invariably had the better of Bradbury.

It was in the play of the respective skips, however, that the greatest difference lay. Omar was almost unerring in his accuracy with drawing, trailing and driving

while Rosset had an off day and even his driving ability—so notable a feature of his play—was not in evidence.

The winners scored on 13 heads against the champions' eight. Each side scored two threes, but while Omar also registered five twos, Rosset managed to obtain only one.

Close Scoring

Actually there were never more than five shots between the two rinks against the champions' eight. Each side scored two threes, but while Omar also registered five twos, Rosset managed to obtain only one.

The scores then were 10-5 on the 8th, 15-10 on the 14th and 16-13 on the 17th. But thereafter it was all Omar, who scored two twos and two singles in the last four heads.

U. M. Omar kept his four on the 18th head, there might have been a different tale to tell. But U.M. came to the rescue of his side—not for the first time—by drawing a perfect first shot with his last wood.

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The back hand was closed to Omar, who had been heavy with his first wood. Rosset was then asked by

Fourth Round Pairs Draw

The following is the draw for the fourth round of the Open Pairs Championship:

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 20
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Play up, Play up And Play The Game

Hongkong Complex About Victory And Defeat

Indelible "Stigma"

(By "Tinker")

This may be a democratic Colony, but on sports fields there is one autocrat who will never be displaced—the referee or umpire. We are taught from youth that he is the man who rules our games, and that his word is law.

Though to some of the more revolutionary it may appear a wrong practice to teach people from childhood to accept decisions that from all angles, except the referee's, may be very wrong, it is only out of this that some of the greatest sporting traditions of the world have been born.

There have been incidents on most fields, but not one has ever done any good to the particular games in which they have occurred.

Soccer suffers many black marks through rowdy hooliganism. We have read of teams walking off in wholesale protest of a referee's ruling; we have also read of crowds rioting in sympathy with disgruntled players.

But how far along its long road do you think soccer would have progressed if from the start there was no control over the game? Is it in its deputy the referee, who interprets the rules as he knows them, and adjudges incidents as he sees them.

Even in baseball, the most democratic game of all, in which one may scream insults impartially at players and umpires alike, the umpire's word is law. And the rowdiest of rowdy recognise that fact.

What then is this strange feeling, far too frequent in recent years, that has spoiled so many a contest. A game or a race is not an event of ultimate importance. Someone has to lose, whether through good play or through error. Why not leave it at that. Return matches can always be arranged, and results can always be reversed.

But, no. Protests are filed. Committees are stirred into action; the whole gains repugnant publicity, and there have even been shocking threats of withdrawal from competitions to gain a petty end.

And it is certainly about time some sort of stand was made against the process of the Sport may lose in numbers but it gains in quality.

DOUBTLESS, international matches introduce more than their fair share of bad feeling. Nationalism has no prominent place on the sports field—it is subjugate to the rules of the game. Let it remain there.

To the referees who always know more than the referee or umpire or judge I would say that a game lies by their hiding their superior ability. Let them come forward and offer their services; the ranks of referees can always accommodate them.

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Baseball

PORTUGAL TROUNCE CANADA 17-9

FIRST of the International matches was played yesterday, in which Portugal beat Canada 17-9. Second outstanding match of the week-end was the 5-4 Charity Cup match between Hongkong and the U. S. Navy, the odd run being in the Colony's favour.

Two League games were played. In the first of which the mighty "M" slashed their way to a 15-7 victory over South China, and in the second Chung Hwa Maroons humbled the Sappers 8-4.

Sunday Cricket Still Popular At University

SUNDAY CRICKET at the University continues its popularity, and another game was played yesterday morning at the Pokfulam ground. An XI led by A. Zimmerman beat the undergraduates by 100 runs.

Scoring was not high. L. H. Tai, 34, and C. N. Matthews, 23, being top-scorers for the "Varsity XI", while only three men of the visiting side reached double figures.

A. J. Hulse, 49 not out, was top-scorer, and in partnership with F. J. Lay, 31, D. O. Parsons, 28, took the visitors' score to a respectable prominence. The later batsmen, however, failed.

League Bowls

Kowloon F.C. Bid For Promotion

AS KOWLOON F.C. seem in line for promotion in the Lawn Bowls League, so the Kowloon B.C.C. "B" team slated for relegation. These facts emerged from the results of the week-end matches, wherein Civil Service C.C. scored a surprising victory over Kowloon Bowls, and left B.C.C. "B" at the very bottom of the senior table.

Kowloon Football Club have secured a five points lead over Kowloon Tong in the Second Division, the latter team failing to secure a single point against Talkoo—second surprise—while the first named beat the Hongkong C.C. 4-1.

FIRST DIVISION	
Recreio "A"	4 Indian R.C.
C.B.C.C. "A"	4 Craighover
K.B.C.C. "A"	4 Kowloon C.C.
Police	5 Recreio "B"
K. Docks	5 C.S.C.C.
SECOND DIVISION	
Craighover	5 Recreio
Kowloon F.C.	5 Hongkong C.C.
Talkoo	5 K. Tong
H.K.F.C.	5 Prison C.C.
THIRD DIVISION	
Police	5 Craighover
C.B.C.C.	5 Hongkong C.C.
Recreio	5 Kowloon F.C.
	4 Indian R.C.

Football Lectures

Football Referees' classes for Clubs and Services will be held at Scudell Point Hall this evening, at 7 o'clock.

Scores:
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C. S. Rosset 0 1 0 3 0 1 0 1 1 0

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Aquatics

Lai Tsun Union Avenge Former Defeat

LAI TSUN secured revenge for their defeated by the Victoria Recreation Club at the earlier swimming meeting when they met in the return engagement at the "Y" pool on Saturday night. The final points score was 27-26, and this would have been reversed had Miss Celeste Gutierrez not unfortunately been disqualified in the women's 100 yards back-stroke for making a bad turn.

CHARITY CARNIVAL AT WEST POINT

Three-day Meeting

A three-day swimming carnival, sponsored by the Kwangtung Provincial Relief Committee, began on Saturday night at the Chung Shing Benevolent Society's Swimming pavilion, West Point.

Musical entertainment and a fire-dragon display greatly enhanced the success of the evening. The manipulators of the dragon had been specially engaged from Ho Tung, Kwangtung Province.

The programme comprised exhibition swimming and high diving, which were performed by several leading Colony swimmers. Those who contributed to the programme were: Ornamental Swimming, Lau Kiu-yuen (Eastern); 50 metres butterfly-stroke, Ng Nin (Tao); Women's 50 metres, Miss Ho Wai-king (C.B.C.); 100 metres, Lau Kiu-yuen (Eastern); 100 metres breast-stroke, Fung Wah-cheong (Chinese "Y"); Women's 100 metres breast-stroke, Miss Lee Po-Luen (South China).

As it turned out, the whole was decided on the last event—the 800 yards free-style relay, and an easy victory was claimed by the home side.

But outstanding performance of the gala was that of Au Sal-kwan over the 440 yards. In this he clocked 5 mins 26 2/5 seconds, just one second off Chan Chun-nam's record time for last year. Lau Tai-ping, another of the Lai Tsun stalwarts, took second place from Charles Huang, which placing put them within distance of the V.R.C. total which was then the bigger.

In The Lead

THEY went into the lead when Miss Ko Miu-ling and Miss Lo Po-kam took first and second places in the women's 100 yards breast-stroke and when the visiting women failed to secure a single point from the 100 yards back-stroke, Lai Tsun had gained a commanding lead.

They maintained their lead until the women's 100 yards relay which was won by the V.R.C., who once again went out in front, but there was no doubt that Lai Tsun would win the 800 yards free-style relay, which proved to be the deciding event of the meet.

Yesterday's Programme

Hundreds of people attended the second night of the swimming gala organised by the Kwangtung Provincial Relief Committee and held at the Chung Shing Bathing Pavilion yesterday. The Fire Dragon display proved very popular. Exhibitions were given by several swimmers.

Contributions amounting to NG\$20,000 have been received for the relief of wounded soldiers and refugees in Kwangtung. To-night will be the gala's last night and many attractions are on the evening's programme of entertainment.

Inter-School Heats

Heats for the Schoolboys' and Schoolgirls' Swimming gala under the auspices of Victoria Recreation Club will be held this evening in the V.R.C. pool at 7 sharp.

Schools participating in the boys' events are: St. Joseph's College, St. Stephen's College, La Salle College, Diocesan Boys' School, Nom Wah College and Chung Wah College. Only three entries have been received from the girls' schools of the

Tsui Hang Clocks Very Fair Time For 100 Metres

FEATURE of the Hongkong and Kowloon Residents Union's fifth gala on Saturday night was the effort of Tsui Hang, who won the 100 yards from David Hutchinson last week, over 100 metres, the time being 64.2 sec.

There was a fairly large crowd present, and the events provided considerable interest. Times, however, were on the poor side, though competition was keen.

A new event was the Women's 75 metres individual medley race, this being one of the new events for the Colony Championships this year, and it was won by Miss Ng Suey-lin in 73 seconds.

Colony, these being French Convent, St. Mary's School and Ying Wah College.



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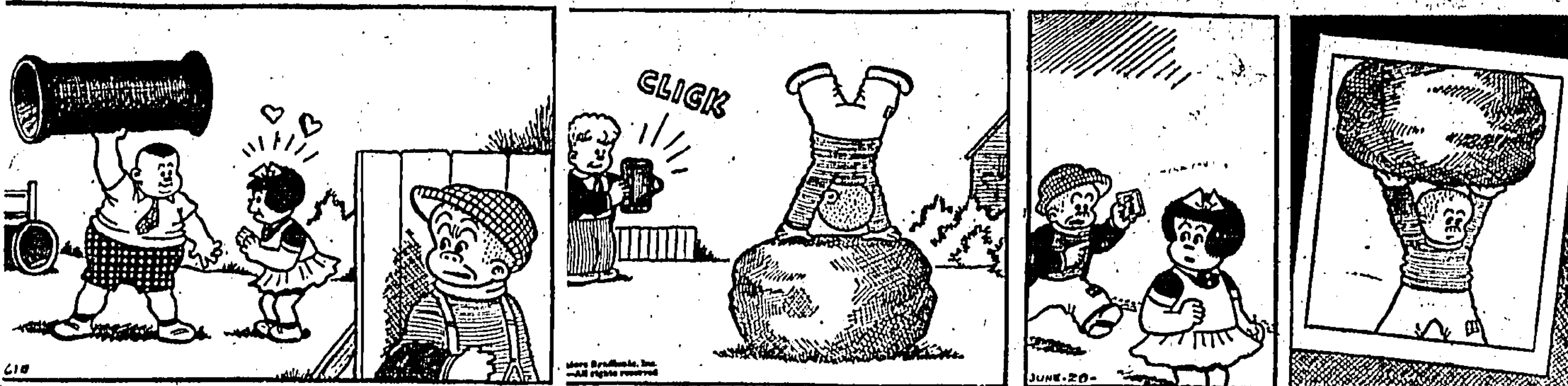
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By Ernie Bushmiller



Rabbits A Source Of Wealth

Nestling in the southern highlands, the little town of Adaminaby has become rich almost overnight, and scenes like those of the "gold rush" days are being enacted on the main street, says a Sydney report.

But rabbits, not gold, are the source of Adaminaby's new-found wealth. Prices for best skins have soared to 6s. 3d. lb., and every man who has no regular job to keep him in town is making long trips out to the "snow country," in temperatures well below freezing point, to trap rabbits.

In the main street, four buyers have set up their scales, and they weigh skins and pay cash for their purchases. Children sell skins of rabbits caught after school and are earning up to 20s. a week. Trappers are making up to £40 on skins taken in a fortnight in the hills.

"The bank manager, the postmaster and the publican are still on the job, but there are about 60 men in the hills trapping rabbits," Mr. Bert Betts, owner of the Adaminaby Hotel, said.

"Labourers who have no regular employment have left town and packed horses with traps and food. To-day skins are worth 1s. 3d. each, but by the time these men return the prices will have risen."

Bank Manager Retiring

After 25 Years' Work

Terminating 25 years of service with the Shanghai branch of the Banque Franco-Chinoise Mr. M. E. Meunier, manager of the bank there, has resigned from his position and is leaving soon for South America where he intends to settle down with his family. The retiring bank official, who is 46, came to China after the World War and joined the bank which was then known as the Banque Industrielle de Chine. He has resided fifteen years in Shanghai.

During the World War, he was a soldier in the 54th and 40th Regiments of Infantry of the French army, and in the "Service-Auto," he finished the war as an R.T.O. in the Gare du Nord at Paris.

Always a keen sportsman, he was coach to the French team in the "International Walking Competition" at Shanghai, for five years. He was also a promoter of the "Shanghai Boxing Association," which was responsible for the engagement in Shanghai of the famous French boxer, Plandner, now blind.

Art Club Chairman

He was chairman during seven years of the "Shanghai Art Club," at the annual exhibitions of which he was a regular exhibitor of landscapes and oil paintings. He was staff officer of the "Police Speciale Francaise," and was in charge of its organisation, and it is well known that he is one of those responsible for its high degrees of efficiency.

Recently he lost his eldest daughter at the age of eighteen after a very long and painful illness. He has a wife and two other children.

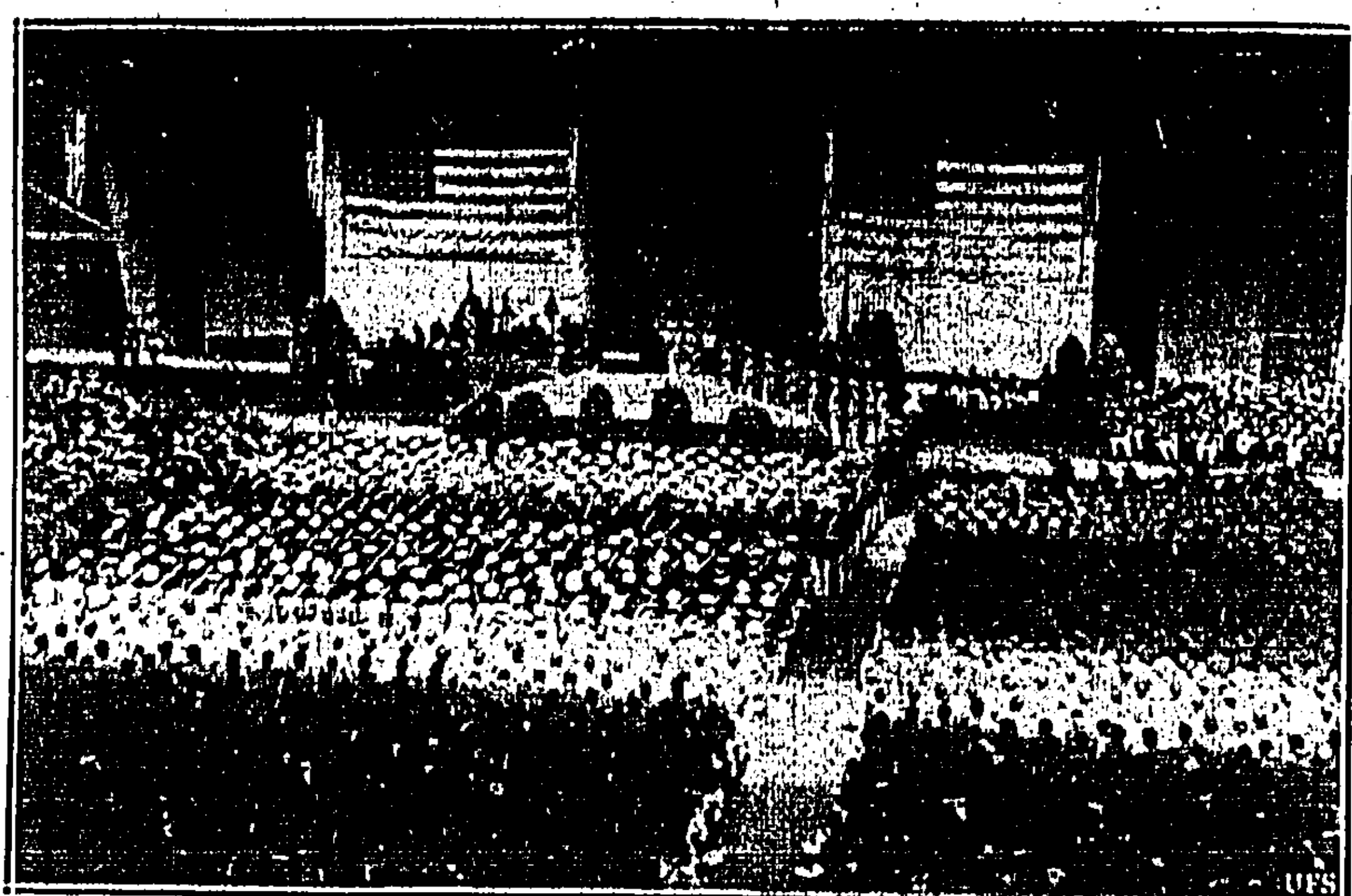
His decision to sever his long connection with the Banque Franco-Chinoise has been taken for purely private reasons.

FELLOWS OF THE BELLOWS

JULY SCORE

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Please Blow In!



IMMEDIATE EMPLOYMENT—These 425 cadets at West Point Military Academy moved into immediate jobs as second lieutenants in Uncle Sam's Army. Here's a view of the graduation.

Financial Front Plays Its Part In Victory Over Nazi Tyranny

By A. P. Luscombe Whyte

LONDON.—Voluntary effort has played a tremendous part in the British war effort. Not only in the Forces and in Home Defence, but also on the "Financial Front."

The average citizen has cheerfully faced rising taxes and prices, and on top of these he has dug deeply into his own pocket to give or lend to his utmost towards the enormous cost of waging war.

Shortly after the war began a great Savings Campaign was launched and John Citizen was urged to spend his spare money not on goods which demanded labour or shipping tonnage, but on investment in the various Savings certificates and bonds.

The result was amazing. To date well over £700,000,000 in small savings has been lent to the country, averaging 13½ millions per week.

Partly responsible for this huge total was a brilliant idea on the part of some un-named official. Playing not only on the average man's patriotism, but also on his natural sense of rivalry, he devised "War Weapons Weeks."

The idea swept the country.

Yorkshire Leads

The first War Weapons Week was held in the Yorkshire city of Leeds and since Yorkshire towns have "topped the bill" in a remarkable series of records.

Last June the citizens of Leeds decided that they would like to provide the country with 100 bombing planes at a cost of about £2,000,000. They could not afford to give the money, but by lending it at low rates of interest they could help equally.

A seven-day campaign was staged. Posters, processions, speeches, loud-speakers urged citizens to roll up to banks, post offices and other centres and invest in war bonds and certificates. And at the end of this first War Weapons Week perspiring accountants had totted up a total of not £2,000,000, but more than £3,500,000—or enough for an extra 75 bombers.

Not to be outdone Bradford, the great Yorkshire rival of Leeds, rushed to organise their own week. Leeds, with an average of over £8 lent by every man, woman and child, had said rather complacently, "Beat that if the cat's in." And, rather to Leeds' chagrin, Bradford did beat it.

Local Pride The Secret

Playing up local rivalry their campaign leaders whipped up an average of over £11 from each Bradfordian, including nearly £5,000 in the pen-poles and expenses of schoolchildren. This really started the ball rolling. Liverpool took up the challenge and contributed over £10 per head. When Greater London ended her own monster Week recently there was hardly a town of consequence in the country which had not held its own Week.

Most towns set themselves a definite object—£100,000 to buy bombers or fighters, £500,000 for a destroyer or up to millions to purchase a battleship. And to nine-tenths of these cases the total aimed at has been greatly exceeded. Sometimes doubled, trebled or multiplied by five or six.

As the campaign progressed, the early figures per head were left far behind. Edinburgh "bumped its saxe-pence" to the tune of £25 for every inhabitant. With Yorkshire still fighting gamely, Halifax raised £26-10-0 per head. The small York town of Silfden, promptly topped this record with a figure of near-

ly £30, only to lose the lead to yet another Yorkshire town when Easington reached £33.15.0.

The story hesitates here with the succeeding record of £42 a head which remains with the little mill town of Heckmondwike, Yorks. (It aimed at £100,000 and got £364,000.) The tiny Welsh agricultural village of Llambeth, with only 310 inhabitants, has lent no less than £100 a head towards Britain's war effort, but this cannot count as a record as it was only part of the County of Merioneth's effort in their Savings Week as a whole.

They Won The Toffee

Good natured rivalry between towns has lived these Weeks into something of a tournament. The organisers of Heckmondwike tell how "there were four Yorkshire towns scrapping for first place. So we set out to beat the lot." Halifax bet a tin of toffees they could not beat their £28.10.0. But, halfway through the week, Heckmondwike had already won the toffee and rallied them for Savings Certificates.

The thrift shown by these towns has amazed officials. In many mill towns average pre-war wages were enough only for frugal living. Now overtime, rising wages and employment for all has swollen family incomes to an astonishing degree.

Extravagance on new clothes, furniture, radio sets and other luxuries would not have been surprising. Instead—thirty or forty pounds a head invested in savings. Savings which not only help the country's war effort now, but will aid its transition to peace condition when war is won and over.

The organisation behind the Savings campaign has been largely run by volunteer labour, which helps to explain how the first £600,000,000 was raised at a cost to the Government of only £1 per £1,000 raised. The country is divided into twelve regions, with a salaried commissioner, assisted by paid experts and organisers and an army of unpaid workers, in charge of each. In all about 250,000 volunteer workers are now helping to gather in the money. Nearly all the labour behind lo-

cal War Weapons Weeks is given freely. These volunteer workers have thought up endless ideas and "stunts" to publicise their weeks and squeeze savings "until the pipe squeaks."

Carnival Enthusiasm

Some towns have taken on an almost carnivalesque appearance during their weeks—with houses beflagged, bands playing, processions marching and tanks rumbling through the streets. Special Savings dances, parties, whist-drives, competitions, and treasure hunts have been held. At Kettlewell, Yorkshire, they "went into War Weapons week like Republicans and Democrats into a Presidential election," with bands, banners, flags and loud-speakers, and their 10-stone Mayor parading the town squeezed into a Bren-gun carrier. Light hearted, despite the bombs, and generous—perhaps because of the bombs.

As Nazi bombing has increased in savagery, so have savings in degree. One South Coast town, aiming at £100,000 seemed likely to reach a smaller total. But in mid-week the Nazis bombed it. Next morning queues were waiting outside the Savings Offices, and the week showed a total of £181,000. The Luftwaffe had virtually provided the extra £81,000.

Harvard 'Varsity Inherits Hotel

Harvard University is now proprietor of the Ritz Carlton Hotel, centre of New York society. The title to the Ritz Carlton, one of the world's most famous hotels, was bequeathed to the University by Robert Walton Goellet.

Goellet whose will has just been proved, was chairman of the board of the Ritz Carlton. He was director of many real estate companies in America. One of the oldest of New York's prominent hotels, the Ritz Carlton is often chosen for debutante parties. Valued at £950,300 it has 300 rooms and 475 employees.

Tomb Of Tamerlane Opened By Soviet Excavators

MOSCOW, June 21.—The magnificent tomb of Tamerlane—the lame Timur—at Samarkhand in south-western Asia has been opened and Soviet archaeologists examined to-day a skeleton they said dispelled legends that the great Oriental conqueror's body had been removed by Persians.

The crypt of the Mongol Empire builder who led legions of a thousand horses from the Volga River to the Persian Gulf and from the Hellespont to the Ganges in the fourteenth century was opened June 19. Prying into Tamerlane's coffin, the archaeologists found bones they said fitted the description of the ruler—a broad-shouldered man with the right leg shorter than the left. The archaeologists reported they also found in the tomb the skeletons of Tamerlane's two sons and that of a grandson, Uleg Beg, great Oriental astronomer of the fifteenth century. Tamerlane died on Feb. 17, 1405, on the far side of the Euxine River while leading his armies on a projected invasion of China.

Fashions Help Buy Bombers

London.—Twenty-two bombers costing two million dollars can be built for Britain every year by the United States as a result of the decision of Captain Edward Moynaux, famous throughout the world as an arbiter of women's fashions.

When the Nazis swooped across France, Captain Moynaux left his Paris salons, which supplied the leading fashion houses of New York, Chicago and Hollywood not to mention Canada. He decided to carry on from Mayfair and soon his 200 workgirls were overwhelmed by the requests received by cable for morning and afternoon frocks, "tailor mades," and evening gowns. The buyers didn't bother about prices from one of his reputé.

To-day there are about 20 American fashion houses, each ordering 40 models a year and a minimum number of repeats is 25 for each model. Therefore each order represents £20,000 worth of business. A Canadian house takes 60 models annually. Payments are made by these houses in dollars so creating a handsome dollar reserve with which Britain can purchase war material.

"My spring collection is already on the high seas," Captain Moynaux told an interviewer. "The time element is of great importance and if a collection takes too long, say six weeks, to get there, it becomes dated. Therefore shipping arrangements are being speeded to assure quick delivery."

Letters Three Years Late

Due To Air Crash

RICHMOND, Va.—Two air mail letters lost for more than two years after an airliner crashed in the hills of Chile have arrived here from South America almost three years after they were written.

The letters, postmarked June, 1938, bore an explanation in Spanish on the envelopes. The mail had been lost June 10, 1938, on a flight over the foothills of the Andes. Later the letters were recovered and remailed—this time from Santiago, Chile, Feb., 1941.

Both letters were stamped as diplomatic correspondence from the U. S. embassy at Buenos Aires and were written by Alexander W. Weddell, now ambassador to Spain. One was addressed to Miss Elizabeth Weddell, his sister, and the other to the editor of the Southern Churchman.

Free Danes Fighting With Britain

LONDON, June 5.—A delegation representing the Danish Council in London has just arrived in America. The aim is to establish a united front of all free Danes in free countries and to obtain the consent of overseas Danes for London to become the centre of a "World Federation of Free Danes."

The free Danish movement here is to be known as "Free Danes in Great Britain and Northern Ireland." The Members of the Delegation to America are Mr. K. C. Ankjær-Petersen, chairman of the executive committee of the Danish Council; Mr. E. Hertel, member of the executive committee; and Captain P. Membeke, who joined the Free Danes in this country after having resigned his post as Naval and Air Attache to the Danish Legation in London.

Classics Quoted By Shepherds

LONDON, June 7.—Scottish shepherds have no monopoly of the classical learning. Recently overheard was a conversation between one of our West country shepherds and a farmer who was bemoaning the lateness of the spring and the bad growing weather. "Don't worry, master," rejoined the shepherd, "tw/a be all right presently when Phœbe comes."

Now Phœbe has come and it is all right. The red landscape is rapidly turning green.

Record Convoy Of 50 Ships

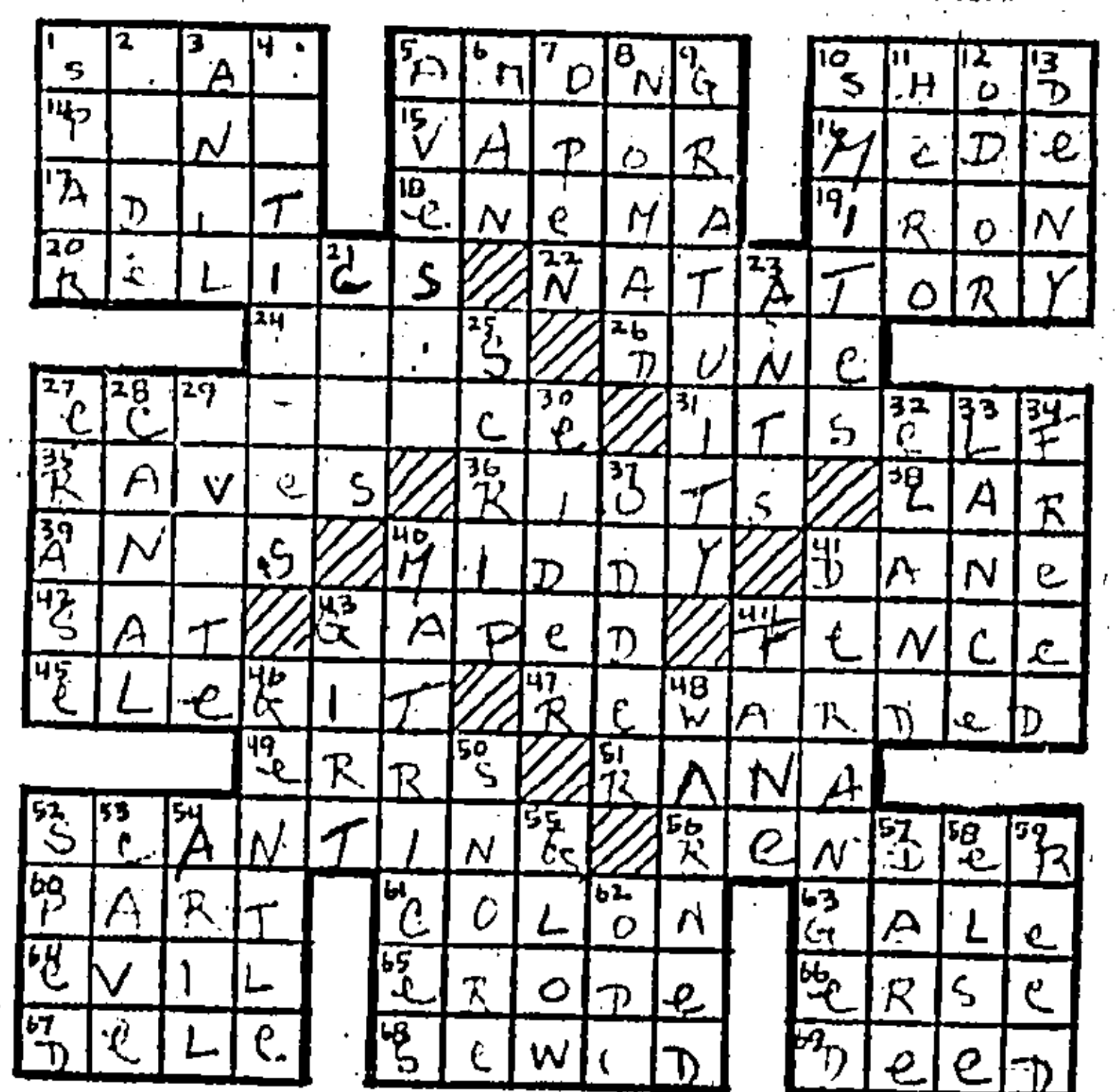
NEW YORK, May 23.—The largest ocean convoy in history, more than 50 ships loaded with \$100,000,000 worth of war supplies and food, has sailed in great British safety from Canada. Collier's Weekly reported to-day. The report came from Quentin Reynolds, staff correspondent of the magazine, who made the crossing aboard one of the vessels.

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ANSWERS TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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1—Cleopatra
2—In midst of
3—Kind of bread
4—Violence in air
5—Member of
6—Nerve centre
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8—Common metal
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STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued Saturday, 18th.

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H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 90	
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan (1934) 95	
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H.K. Banks \$1,380	
Canton Ins. \$22.50	
Union Ins. \$405	
H.K. Fire Ins. \$185	
Docks \$15.05	
Hotels \$3.40	
Lands X.D. \$34.50	
Realities \$3.15	
Chinese Estates \$101	
Trams X.D. \$17.10	
Yaumutt Ferries \$22.75	
Lights "O" \$0	
Lights "N" \$1.30	
Electricity "O" X. Rts \$21.00	
Electricity "N" \$21.25	
Electricity Rts. \$11.20	
Telephones "N" \$23.10	
Telephones "O" \$8.50	
Cements "N" \$14.75	
Ropes \$8.80	
Watsons \$11	
Sellers	
Hotels \$3.00	
Watsons \$11.50	
Sales	
H.K. Banks \$1,385	
Wharves \$91	
Electricity "N" \$21.30	
Watsons \$11.25	

Philippines Looks To Water Supply

With the outbreak of intestinal disease in Tavalan, district in the Philippines, illustrating the need for safeguarding the water supply and with epidemics from polluted water likely to occur during a mass evacuation, the Civilian Emergency Administration through the Philippine Red Cross is taking no chances with the health of 200,000 people in Manila and the suburbs who may be evacuated in an emergency.

A complete mobile laboratory has been set up to make sure the water in the 38 evacuation towns in Laguna and Rizal is potable and to guard constantly against pollution.

Hongkong Firm Buys Ship

The "Fairplay," a shipping magazine published weekly in London, reports that the American steamer "Atlantic Gulf," of about 4,100 tons deadweight, built in 1919, and owned by the Atlantic Gulf and Pacific Company of Manila, has been purchased by Messrs Wallem and Company, Hongkong, for about Pesos 500,000.

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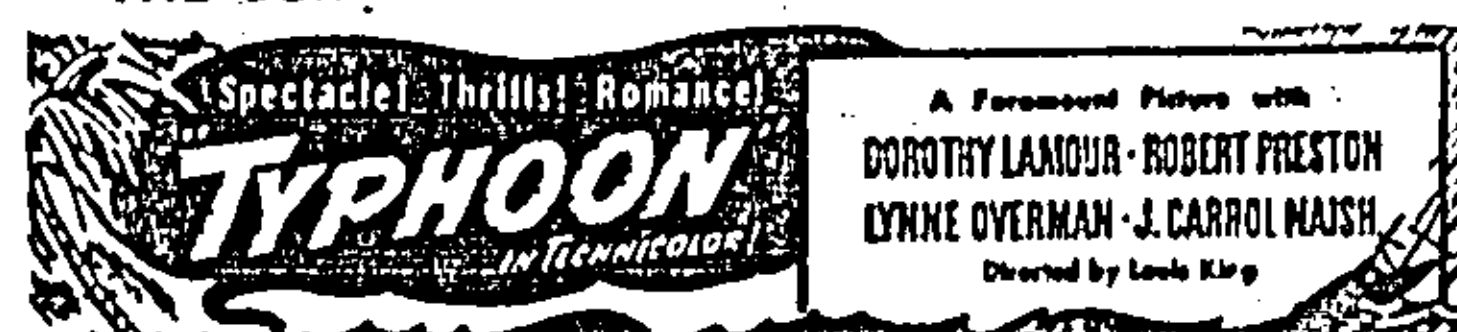
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placed in custody "in retaliation for American anti-Japanese actions."

Harbouring Communists

The Japanese Army Press Bureau reports that the American Presbyterian Mission at Hwaidan sent a letter to the Japanese officials admitting that the hospital was used to harbour members of the Chinese Fourth Route army of which nineteen wounded soldiers were permitted to escape prior to Japanese occupation of the city. The report said that the members of the staff of the hospital supplied military information to the Communists and also that the missionaries had apologised for their actions and promised that there would be no recurrence.

Japanese Statement

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" SHANGHAI, August 18 (Domei).—A categorical denial of the reports that an American missionary woman was strangled to death by Japanese troops at Hwaidan in northern Kiangsu, was made on Sunday afternoon by the Japanese Army Press Bureau.

"There is absolutely no truth in the reports that an American woman was killed or the reports that other American missionaries were under detention," the Press Bureau announced.

The statement was issued upon receipt of detailed information from the commanders of the Japanese units operating in the Hwaidan sector. The Press Bureau added following prevention to the Japanese Army authorities of a written statement apologising for and admitting certain acts done to give the enemy valuable military information.

The written statement was turned over to the Japanese authorities by a representative of the American Presbyterian Mission at Hwaidan.

Aiding New Fourth

According to the information from Hwaidan, mopping-up operations against the New Fourth Army have been under way. Suspicions were aroused that information of strategic value were being sent to the enemy through the Presbyterian Mission in Hwaidan. Investigations commenced on July 31 revealed that the hospital attached to the Mission was being used by anti-Japanese elements and Chinese Communists to gather information regarding Japanese movements.

It also revealed that 16 out of 19 Communist troops receiving treatment in the hospital were allowed to escape before the Japanese forces took the city. It was found that the hospital staff included the daughter of an officer of the New Fourth Army and was supplying the Chinese forces with information.

After the investigation was completed, a Japanese officer on August 14 met a representative of the Presbyterian Mission. The latter handed over a letter admitting the charges and apologising on behalf of the mission. The matter was settled after the Japanese Army authorities warned against the recurrence of such incidents.

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ing list restrictions were placed by the Japanese.

In another part of the White House, Lord Beaverbrook and Mr Harry Hopkins were lunching together.

President Returns

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17 (Reuters).—When the President returned to Washington, it seemed to have an anti-aircraft gun conspicuously mounted on the upper deck.

It was also noticed that Mr Harry Hopkins landed wearing a new hat given him by Mr Churchill. It is a light grey soft hat, much too large. Asked by reporters at a Press conference aboard whether he intended to give a radio fireside chat regarding the conversations with Mr Churchill, the President replied that "it is up to you fellows. If you give the country an exceedingly correct picture, I shall not go."

Conference With Hull

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17 (Reuters).—President Roosevelt immediately on returning, summoned Mr Cordell Hull for a conference.

French Ties

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17 (Reuters).—It is understood that President Roosevelt has discussed with Mr Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, at the White House on the international situation, particularly as regards French ties with Germany and the Far East crisis.

Another Appropriation

To-morrow, Congressional leaders will meet President Roosevelt, probably to discuss another Lease-Lend appropriation of upwards of \$10,000,000.

Anglo-Russian Treaty

LONDON, Aug. 17 (Reuters).—Signature of the Anglo-Russian Treaty of Commerce and Consular Rights on August 16, 1941, of an agreement on exchange of goods on credit and on clearing between the U.S.S.R. and the United Kingdom.

Under the agreement, the British Government grants the U.S.S.R. credit of £10 millions at a rate of 3 per cent, for an average period of five years. When this credit is exhausted, the two Governments will enter into negotiations for a further amount.

The agreement was signed on behalf of the Soviet Government by the People's Commissar for Foreign Trade, M. A. Mikoyan, and for the British Government by Sir Stafford Cripps.

Capture of Nikolaiev Only A Minor German Success

LONDON, Aug. 17 (Reuters).—A commentary by "Annalist" states: "Eight weeks of constant war, in which millions of men, thousands of tanks and any number of guns have been engaged, see the Germans with their first substantial success in their hands, namely the town of Nikolaiev on the Black Sea."

"It is not a very big prize nor was it fortified like Odessa, but it confirms that the Germans have over-run the extreme southern portion of the Ukraine as far as the estuary of the Dnieper River with the exception of the port of Odessa, which may involve a costly toll if reduced by force."

"Intrinsically, Nikolaiev may be regarded as a minor success but compared to the aspirations and ambitions claims of the Germans, it fades into insignificance. Just four weeks ago, the German radio, with a roll of drums and music of triumph, was telling the world that Russian resistance was primarily broken with the roads to Leningrad, Moscow and Kiev definitely open and that the largest portion of the Russian Army was either made prisoner or destroyed."

"Despite these resounding broadcasts, the front has not altered even on the German showing at Leningrad, Moscow and Kiev since that date. The German forces have been forced to make their efforts further and further south in their endeavour to find a weak spot or outflank the Russian system of defence."

"Even in the direct southwards, which has terminated with the fall of Nikolaiev, the Soviet forces under Marshal Budenny seem to have succeeded in evading encirclement and their retreat into the area of the Dnieper, and in some cases across the river, appears to have been conducted without loss or serious disorganisation."

"The Russian communiqué has not yet admitted the loss of Nikolaiev, so the German claims may, as so frequently has happened, be somewhat premature, but it is not regarded as improbable or of special importance in well-informed quarters in London."

"In any case, the Russians will surely have left very little material of a serviceable character for the use of the Germans and all shipping will have been removed or scuttled."

"On the rest of the front, the situation remains unchanged although there are indications of renewed fighting north of Leningrad at Kholm and around Smolensk."

Major Baseball

DODGERS-CARDINALS CONTINUE N'T'AL PENNANT RACE

NEW YORK, Aug. 17 (UP).—Race for the National League pennant between St Louis Cardinals and Brooklyn Dodgers continues with unabated rivalry. Cardinals, leading by the odd game, and Dodgers to-day both won the openers of a double-header programme. The results of the nighters will be transmitted later.

Scores were:

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
Brooklyn	1	2	4	2
Batteries—Higbe, Owen.				
Boston	1	5	1	
Batteries—Tolbin, Berens; Mad.				
St. Louis	7	11	0	
Batteries—M. Cooper; W. Cooper.				
Pittsburgh	7	4		
Batteries—Butcher, Wilkie; Dietz; Lopez.				
New York	2	14	0	
Batteries—Carpenter, Bowman; Adams.				
Brown; Hartnett.				
Philadelphia	6	12	0	
Batteries—Johnson; Warren.				
Chicago	8	13	1	
Batteries—Erickson; Mott; McCutcheon.				
Cincinnati	0	1	0	
Batteries—Winters; Lomard.				
San Francisco	1	4	2	
Batteries—Beckman; Wagner.				
New	2	4	0	
Batteries—Chandler; Dickey.				
Cleveland	2	10	1	
Batteries—Feller; Egan; Hemlester.				
Chicago	8	12	0	
Batteries—Lyons; Frelch.				
Detroit	8	10	1	
Batteries—Newson; Sullivan.				
St. Louis	1	5	0	
Batteries—Harris; Newlin; Swift.				
Boston	2	5	3	
Batteries—Newson; Frelch.				
Washington	0	0	1	
Batteries—Hudson; Early.				

Passive Resistance By Punch

LONDON, June 6.—A former Punch and Judy showman appearing at the London Consensus Objectors Tribunal said he believed in passive resistance. A member of the Tribunal said: "You believed in killing in your Punch and Judy Act. Punch did not offer passive resistance."

The Objector, an L.C.C. ambulance driver, said he was not responsible for the story and had to keep to the plot, whereupon the Tribunal member suggested that he writes a new script for his next show and let Punch offer passive resistance. The man was registered as an objector as long as he continued ambulance work.

Peaches Sold At 5s.-6d. Each

Fresh home-grown peaches are selling at 5s. 6d. each in London's West End shops. Grapes are bringing 15s. a pound. Cucumbers are being sold at 2s. 6d. each, cherries and raspberries at 5s. a pound. A store manager said: "Lack of foreign supplies has forced up prices of best-quality English-grown fruit. People are willingly paying the high prices they say they must have the fruit at any price."

Soviet Battlefields Strewn With Flower

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speaks of fighting all along the front and precise information is lacking. But the impression in Moscow is that the big German thrust in the Ukraine is slowing down owing to fierce Russian resistance, and it is conceivable that the Dnieper river bend defence will become another "Smolensk."

What the Russians have abandoned so far does not appear vitally essential and the German claim of the capture of Krivoriog, the iron ore centre, has not been confirmed. An indication that the fighting is slightly slowly or partly wiped out by the relatively small Russian figures of both Russian and German air losses. During the fiercest moments of the Smolensk battle, these ran into many dozens daily.

Although the Germans possess Smolensk itself, it has cost them heavy losses and a mortal blow of vital importance—namely a demonstration of failure of the blitzkrieg. At the end of June, German Army orders confidently instructed tank and other units what they must do after the road to Moscow had been broken open. Actually the German are stuck against Smolensk.

Tanks Wiped Out

Details have already been published about the numerous German tank divisions totally or partly wiped out in this fierce 30-day moving battle. In the course of which (it is now stated in the "Red Star" by Lieutenant-General Yermenyuk), the town of Smolensk changed hands several times.

General Yermenyuk writes: "A thousand German tanks, after triumphal marches across Europe and the Balkan states, have as a result of the Smolensk battle, been burnt and knocked out by artillery or blown up. This has severely weakened the spirit of the German infantry which greatly prefers to advance under cover of the armoured units."

"Without such support, German infantry does not show any great courage or initiative. That has been our constant experience." General Yermenyuk adds that many times the Germans broke into Smolensk where they were completely wiped out by the Russians defending every street and every house.

Heap of Ruins

This incidentally confirms the statement that Smolensk has become a No Man's Land, a heap of ruins with much to suggest that the typical German propaganda stories about the holiday mood in the town upon the entry of German troops were nothing but a pack of inventions.

There are reliable indications that the Germans, stunned by the Russian resistance in this sector, have not attempted to resume the offensive. On the contrary, they fear a Russian counter-offensive here.

It is significant that the Germans have, outside Smolensk, buried their faulty tanks almost completely and using them as pill-boxes.

Nazis Lost Hopes

If the blitzkrieg has failed, at least on this front as well as in the more northerly direction, the same is true of the German hopes to quelling the occupied parts. With a total misunderstanding of the Russian mentality and mis-information from the wishful thinking of Naziist agents, the Germans imagined that they would be received with open arms by the local population. Hostility everywhere is complete and except for a few adventures and "Petlovite" cranks, the Germans are hated here more than anywhere.

All Fronts Fighting

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" LONDON, Aug. 17 (UP).—A communiqué announced over Radio Moscow stated: "Last night our troops continued fighting the enemy along the whole front. Our aviation in co-operation with our land forces continues to deal blows on enemy troops and attack enemy planes on enemy airfields."

Slowing Down

MOSCOW, Aug. 17 (Reuters).—The Big German thrust in the Ukraine is slowing down owing to fierce resistance, is the impression here.

Soviets Admit Evacuation

MOSCOW, Aug. 17 (Reuters).—The Soviet midnight communiqué announced the evacuation of Nikolaiev and Krivoriog. The communiqué also announces that during August 17 Russian troops continued fierce fighting against the enemy along the entire front.

Historic Meeting

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the President and Mr Churchill seated side by side, while the Chaplain read the lesson which began with the words "Be strong and of good courage."

Another picture shows the friendship between the crew of the Prince of Wales and 200 American sailors invited aboard, who brought gifts, which the President presented to every member of the British crew consisting of specially prepared boxes each containing a handkerchief, fruit and half a pound of cheese.

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"United Press" reports from the enemy capital continue to affirm resounding successes in the southwestern drive to the Black Sea where Nikolaiev has fallen to their arms as the Soviets have admitted. The Germans do not claim any sensational advances in other sectors and indeed, in the north — where the Red Army has given the Finnish-German combination a severe testing, they admit to difficulties in their terrain which has been heavily mined. Berlin says the Russians are counter-attacking at numerous points on the Finnish front.

Returning to the southern sector the Berlin comm unique says that Odessa has been isolated by German-Hungarian forces who are pressing on over the flat lands between the Dnieper and the Bug rivers to trap the Red Armies in this area.

Demarche To Iran To Remove Nazi Menace

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Aug. 17 (UP).—Authoritative sources report that British and Soviet representatives have sent a demarche to the Government of Iran to "take effective measures" to remove the German menace.

Reports Denied

TEHERAN, Aug. 17 (Reuters).—The official newspaper "Iran" to-day categorically denies foreign reports that a number of Iranians with "certain foreign agents" were hatching a plot against the regime.

According to these reports, a plot to be carried out in the middle of August was discovered and some conspirators had been arrested and executed, and that the law was keeping the incident secret.

Dismissing the reports as "imaginary," the newspaper said that one would never find a single Iranian who was not attached to the principles of the Government, or who would be the instrument for the execution of the bad intentions of others. Provocations had not had the least effect on the unity and patriotism of the Iranians.

German Demands

MOSCOW, Aug. 17 (Reuters).—An Ankara dispatch to the official Soviet news agency says that Germany has demanded air bases in Iran and fuel supplies for German planes using them.

The dispatch quotes "reliable sources" for this report. The German Minister in Iran is also stated to have warned the Iranian Government that diplomatic relations would be severed if German "tourists" were expelled.

Action Not Words

LONDON, Aug. 16 (Reuters).—The "Daily Telegraph" says the answer which will be expected from this second warning to Iran is not words but action, for the Nazis could not be permitted to repeat in a country of such strategic importance the fifth column tactics which so completely succeeded in Norway, Holland and Bulgaria, and were only defeated in the territories of Iran's immediate neighbours Iraq and Syria, by Britain's prompt intervention.

CAIRO, Aug. 17 (Reuters).—At Tobruk our patrols continue actively inflicting casualties on enemy working parties. In the frontier area the situation unchanged, states an official Middle East communique.

RAF Take Off In Gale To Renew Offensive

Special to the "Telegraph"

FOLKESTONE, Aug. 17 (UP).—A formation of fighters and bombers flew towards France this evening in the teeth of a gale. They were so low that they just cleared the housetops and people clearly saw the aerial torpedoes. They were apparently headed south to Boulogne to attack shipping because they returned after half an hour.

Meanwhile, several squadrons of fighters were sweeping over north France.

Communique

LONDON, Aug. 17 (Reuters).—An Air Ministry communique states: "This afternoon Beaufort aircraft of the Coastal Command, escorted by fighters, attacked an enemy tanker in the Channel off Le Touquet. A hit was obtained with a torpedo on the tanker's stern.

"Our fighters have made many offensive sweeps over the Channel and Northern France during the day, in the course of which they destroyed seven enemy fighters.

"Our losses in these operations were two fighters and one bomber." TURN to Back Page, Column 7.

Shanghai Sterling Rates

Bank Upset's Money Market

SHANGHAI, Aug. 18 (Reuters).—The business world, not for the first time in the past three years, was thrown into a state of absolute confusion this morning when the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank at 9.30 announced the merchant selling rates of sterling at 2-27/32 and U.S. dollars at 5 1/2 cents compared with 2 1/4 and 4 1/2 cents respectively on Saturday.

The inter-bank market, which opened at 9 a.m. with sellers at 2-27/32 and 4 1/2 cents respectively, immediately turned nominal and no rates were quoted.

Throughout the morning conditions in the market were chaotic and all transactions were at a standstill pending clarification which is expected this afternoon from an announcement by the banks.

Nanking Undermines Fapei KWEILIN, Aug. 18 (International).—It is reported here that the Nanking regime is attempting to undermine the national dollar by requiring all payment for customs duty, salt and consolidated taxes be made by notes of the "Central Reserve Bank" on and after September 1.

Johore Japanese Ordered To Move SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". TOKYO, Aug. 18 (Domei).—The Police authorities in Johore Province yesterday ordered the evacuation of Japanese residents from the south-west coast of the province, the "Nichiichi" reported. The Japanese are given 14 days to leave. About 70 Japanese are expected to leave under the order.

As in the case of Smolensk where the Nazis prematurely announced the complete defeat of the opposing forces while the Russians maintained reticence while actually holding back the Nazis for weeks, the Red Army High Command has not issued a communique on the German claims.

While the Baltic Sea continues to be dominated by the Russian Fleet, Odessa can still be reinforced. The Russians are reforming their battle line under pressure from the Nazis who have suffered terrific casualties by all accounts.

Soviet Communique MOSCOW, Aug. 18 (Reuters).—The Soviet Command to-day issued the following supplement to its latest communique:

"Encountering the stiff resistance of Red Army troops, the German Fascists have constantly thrown into action fresh units which find their graves on the battlefield. Only a few days ago, in the southwestern direction, the 542nd and 485th regiments of the 22nd German Infantry turned to Back Page, Column 4.

Bismarck's Sister Ready For Sinking

BERLIN, Aug. 17 (UP).—The "Volkischer Beobachter" to-day shows a front page photograph of a warship at sea firing 15-inch guns, leading to the belief that the sister ship to the ill-fated Bismarck has been completed and placed in service.

The paper did not publish any statistics of the new ship beyond the calibre of the guns. It did not indicate where the photograph was taken or whether the new battleship is yet commissioned.

It is recalled, however, that the battleship Deutschland, almost a year and a half ago was renamed the Lutzow.

Informed German circles are unable to provide any details or specifications of the new ship; however, they commented that "since the guns are firing, the new battleship is obviously already in active service."

Roosevelt and Hull Confer On Far Eastern Situation

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17 (UP).—President Roosevelt and Mr Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, conferred to-day for two and one half hours. Informed circles indicated that the conference concerned the Far Eastern situation more than the European. The Japanese situation is viewed with considerable gravity and it is believed that the discussions went beyond the Americans who are stranded in Japan. Some quarters suggested that economic pressure on Japan was discussed.

Following the conference, Mr Hull stated, "It was a general interchange of information in which we were bringing each other up to date on the international situation. We discussed all phases of the situation in which both of us are interested."

He declined to comment specifically, nevertheless, the fact that he met the President at the railway station and conferred so much at length lent the impression that important developments in the Far East were either impending or had already arisen requiring immediate attention and even action.

President Roosevelt's statement at the press conference on Saturday that he had reached a full understanding with Mr Churchill on all phases of foreign policy strengthened the belief in well informed circles that the President had brought to the conference with Mr Hull strong British commitments in the Far Eastern programme and their readiness to back the United States in resistance to Japan's further advance.

Latest

GRUESOME STRUGGLE

Latest Communique From Red Army

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MOSCOW, Aug. 18 (UP).—The latest Soviet communique (to-day's) admitted that powerful German forces have captured Nikolaiev and Krivoirog and that they are forcing their way close to the Dnieper River.

The communique, covering Sunday's operations, said that the Red Army gave up both these cities after stubborn battles and that the Russians succeeded in blowing up naval dockyards at Nikolaiev before abandoning the town.

Fighting raged throughout Sunday on the entire front from the Arctic to the Black Sea.

The Germans are reported to be losing a "tremendous" number of men. An earlier communique said that so vast are the German losses that the Nazis are blasting mass graves with land mines and dumping truck-loads of corpses into them.

Ninth Week

As the war raged into its ninth week Germany appeared to throw the brunt of its power-TURN to Back Page, Column 3.

MORE AUSTRALIAN TROOPS ARRIVE IN MALAYA



As the situation in the Far East moves into crisis tension again comfort is given to the democratic front by the appearance in Malaya of thousands of these husky, devil-may-care Australian soldiers—only a part of the huge defensive front that is being built up.

American Missionaries Accused By Japanese

—Aid To Communists

Special to the "Telegraph"

SHANGHAI, Aug. 17 (UP).—Japanese authorities have informed the United States Consul General that the Japanese yesterday released nine Americans who were being held at Tsing-kiangpu, Kiangsu.

The others involved are Dr and Mrs P. C. Vinson of Galveston, Texas; Miss Jessie Hall, Wilmington, N.C.; and Miss Mary McCowan whose home town in Virginia is not known.

Meanwhile missionaries have received a letter from Miss Lillian Wells, supervisor of the mission saying that she is safe and not ill treated; however, she is confined to her home. She asserted that the Americans at Hweilun were confined for one week to the upper storey of one residence which was very closely guarded and insufficient food was available. Miss Wells quoted the Japanese officials as saying that the hospital had been closed and the TURN to Back Page, Column 5.

HISTORIC MEETING

LONDON, Aug. 17 (Reuters).—"Good morning. How are you?" were the first words the Premier Mr Churchill said as he shook hands with President Roosevelt at their historic meeting, according to the film record of this encounter which has been flown to London and which has just arrived.

The unedited version of the film was shown privately to a number of journalists to-night, with, however, the majority of the sound track omitted.

The film does not show the two statesmen in actual conference, but a naval officer who accompanied the party stated that during the greater part of the time the two men talked alone in a cabin on the upper deck of the American cruiser where the President had his headquarters.

Premier Piped Aboard The film shows Mr Churchill being piped aboard the American cruiser TURN to Back Page, Column 7.

LATEST

Denmark Recognises Nanking

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". NANKING, Aug. 18 (Domei).—Formal recognition of the Chinese National Government at Nanking by Denmark has been communicated to the Foreign Minister, Mr Hsu Liang, of the Nanking Government by the Danish Foreign Minister. Denmark is the eleventh country to recognise Nanking.

"Denmark is occupied by the Nazis.

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Japanese Agency Involves Portugal In Allied Front

Special to the "Telegraph"

MADRID, Aug. 17 (Domei).—It is reliably reported that the Anglo-American declaration outlining a new world order under the Anglo-Saxon pattern constitutes the sixth and last part of a British-United States protocol signed by President Roosevelt and the British Prime Minister, Mr Winston Churchill, outlining all-out Anglo-American co-operation.

According to the report, the protocol:

Firstly, defines the means and character of American aid to Britain.

Secondly, deals with the aid under the Lend-Lease provision by which the United States will provide Britain with armaments to the total value of \$7,000,000,000.

Thirdly, stipulates joint economic and military strategy against Japan.

Fourthly, deals with the part Portugal plays in the Anglo-American strategy against the Axis in Europe (unconfirmed rumours said that the Portuguese took part in the high seas conference).

Fifthly, envisages measures to be taken against France.

Sixthly, lays down the 8-point formula for the world order. It is pointed out that these terms will give an entirely new complexion to the Anglo-American accord since it constitutes a watertight alliance which President Roosevelt concluded without consulting Congress.

Dorothy Thompson Over BBC

LONDON, Aug. 17 (Reuters).—The present and future of freedom on this earth depend upon a continued and more intense collaboration of the whole English-speaking world, declared Miss Dorothy Thompson, the American journalist, in the B.B.C. postscript to-night.

"I believe that had the United States and the United Kingdom—the American Union and the British Commonwealth—stood together as one people, after the last war, this war would never have occurred," she continued.

"Unless we stand together now and for the rest of foreseeable history, a great peace for all and freedom for all cannot be won or maintained," said Miss Thompson.

Contribution To Peace NEW YORK, Aug. 17 (Reuters).—Mr Alfred Duff-Copper, who is on his way to the Far East, termed the Roosevelt-Churchill eight points an "important contribution to peace" in a broadcast to the United States.

He urged a closer bond between the people of England and the United States. Help that England was receiving from the United States was shortening the war, he said.

Mr Duff-Copper added that the eight points were important for two reasons. The effect of the announcement is calculated to shorten the war because of its influence in heightening the morale of the forces opposed to Hitler; and because President Roosevelt and Mr Churchill typify the feelings of the nations they represent.

"A new and better world where our children and those who come after them may be happier than we are" was foreseen by Mr Duff-Copper as the outcome of the war.

Kagawa On War SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". YOKOHAMA, Aug. 18 (Domei).—Strong opposition to American entry into war is growing, according to Mr Toyohiko Kagawa, famous Japanese evangelist, who returned here on Sunday aboard the Tatuta Maru.

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How should East defend against South's three notrump contract?

VICHY RETURNS MORE PRISONERS

CAIRO, Aug. 17 (Reuters).—About 50 more British officers and N.C.O.'s who were sent out of Syria by the Vichy authorities, have now returned to Beirut from Toulon where they had been held prisoners.

A certain number of junior Vichy officers who are retained with General Dentz, former High Commissioner in Syria, in Jerusalem, will be repatriated in return, but General Dentz and his senior officers will be held until the remaining British prisoners—who number about 35 it is understood—are released.

The new arrivals say that they were taken from Salonika to Toulon in fourth class accommodation aboard the liner Theophile Gaudier. The food was bad, the quarters were bug-infested and the officers were forced to do their own washing-up. The Captain rejected their complaints in offensive terms and was generally hostile.

At Toulon, the officers and men were jammed together in quarters, which like those on board ship, were verminous. They were given little to eat save vegetables but made no complaint on this as soon as they discovered that French civilians fared no better.

On the return trip to Beirut, there was an improvement in their treatment.

Pressure Protest
LONDON, Aug. 17 (Reuters).—The Lyons Radio states that the French Government have protested to the British Government about the pressure alleged to have been brought to bear on French troops in Syria by General Catroux, the Free French Commander-in-Chief, to join General de Gaulle's forces.

Imperial War Cabinet Is Advocated

WELLINGTON, Aug. 17 (Reuters).—Opinion that an Imperial War cabinet might be useful in affording the opportunity of direct examination of the actualities of conflict was expressed by Mr. Walter Nash, Acting Premier of New Zealand, when explaining that Mr. Peter Fraser, the Prime Minister, was remaining in London for a few days to confer with the British War Cabinet, as the New Zealand Government thought that it might be helpful to Mr. Churchill and his colleagues to hear the Dominion's views.

It is understood, however, that New Zealand has not pressed that British Government for the establishment of an Imperial War Cabinet.

Changes In Eire Cabinet

DUBLIN, Aug. 17 (Reuters).—Consequent upon the resignation of Mr. Rutledge, Minister for Local Government and Public Health, who was recently appointed General Solicitor for Wards of Court, Sean Maguire, Minister for Industry and Commerce, takes over his position in Mr. De Valera's Cabinet and Sean Lemass is appointed to Industry and Commerce while retaining his present position as Minister for Supplies.

Sean Lemass was Industries Minister before the war prior to the setting up of the department of Supplies. No political significance is attached to these changes.

SIDNEY HAS BLACK-OUT REHEARSAL

SYDNEY, Aug. 17 (Reuters).—During a half hour blackout test, the whole of Sydney's 1,300,000 inhabitants experienced conditions under which the people of England have been living for the past two years.

It is claimed officially that Sydney is the second largest Empire city to be blacked out.

Mr. Heffron, Minister for National Emergency Services, reported that the test had revealed certain weaknesses which were being remedied. There were several glaring breaches for which heavy penalties are being sought but generally the citizens co-operated well.

Silk Stockings Only For Working Women Of Japan

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
TOKYO, Aug. 17 (UP).—The Government has placed women's stockings on a ration system giving preference to female street-car and bus conductors, and school teachers. Women of "the leisure class" will hereafter not be able to receive stockings.

The Government has inaugurated a general mobilisation of school students for work on the farms.

New Order In Syria May Lead To Federation of Arab States

(By "Reuters" Special Correspondent in Syria)

DAMASCUS, Aug. 17.—While the final arrangements are being made to evacuate the remaining Vichy soldiers and civilians who have chosen to return to France, interest in the Syrian capital has swung over to political questions.

The majority of political leaders have been greatly encouraged by the publication of the interchange of letters between General de Gaulle, the Free French leader, and Mr. Oliver Lyttelton, the British Minister of State in the Middle East, clearly defining the Allies' intentions and thereby re-affirming the promise of the country's speedy independence.

It is realised, however, that little can be accomplished until a suitable government has been set up. At present, there is no ruling cabinet since the Nationalist bloc was disbanded in 1939.

Whether there will be two separate Syrian and Lebanese governments or one united controlling body remains to be seen. At present, however, Damascus the situation is very calm and rival political leaders who are normally keen, opponents, appear genuinely anxious to bury the hatchet and to co-operate fully with the new French leaders.

Two Interviews
I was privileged to interview two outstanding Syrian politicians, Jamil Mardam Bey, former leader of the Nationalist bloc, stated: "The main idea of the new cabinet must be to strive for one end, namely to expedite the final victory. We realise that there are at present certain internal difficulties confronting the Free French leaders and we do not expect great constitutional changes immediately. However, there is no outstanding problem which cannot be solved very simply."

Broadly speaking, Mardam Bey's views are shared by Shelly Bey Namuti, a prominent member of the Shuhadakariste Party, whose leader was murdered mysteriously last year. He said: "We are willing to sink our differences with the Nationalist bloc provided that certain members are not re-elected. We greatly appreciate Britain's act in paying the way for the country's independence and we are prepared to do all in our power to assist the Allied war effort by loyally co-operating with the new French leaders."

Pan-Arabia
Many Syrians feel that the time is opportune for furthering relations with the neighbouring Near East Arab countries and co-ordinating the Arab states into one Federation. It is appreciated that the granting of independence opens the way to serious discussion to this end.

Meanwhile our forces are having an uplifting effect on the Syrians, whose morale had been at a very low ebb during the last 12 months owing to the uncertainty and wavering of the Vichy leaders and the presence of German and Italian Armistice Commissions.

Whatever political and economic problems lie ahead Britain is steadily accomplishing what she set out to do, namely to strengthen the vital bastions of defence between the Suez Canal and Turkey and to prepare for any renewed Axis drive to the east.

Services Mobilised
Public utilities, gas, light and water, transportation and communication systems, are all mobilized for emergency service. Nearly seven thousand volunteers have been trained as A.R.P. wardens, rescue workers, fire fighters, ambulances drivers, police reserves and auxiliary nurses. The men in the Volunteer Corps drill on an average of about a half day per week, with frequent week-end exercises carried out on a full war-time basis. Big guns are manned, air raiders challenged, and sham battles fought.

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I now return you to NBC.

Tatuta Maru Ptomaine Poisoning

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
YOKOHAMA, August 17 (Domei).—Despite the frantic efforts of two doctors and 16 nurses rushed to the Tatuta Maru as soon as the N.Y.K. liner arrived shortly after midnight, two more of the 120 passengers stricken with ptomaine poisoning died early this morning raising the death toll to nine.

Thirteen others who were in a serious condition were rushed immediately to hospitals as the Tatuta Maru docked here early this morning. Members of the Kanagawa Prefectural Sanitation Office and the Water Police authorities are investigating the case for which omelettes served on the last day of the voyage are blamed.

Saduo Oshima who was in charge of cooking, repeating regrets declared that it was the first happening of the kind for more than 30 years of his services aboard ships.

Hard Luck Story Of Old Offender

That he had been in gaol and that he had a family of four or five children and no means to support them, was what Lo Wah, 31, told His Honour the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions this morning when pleading guilty to a charge of housebreaking with intent to steal.

Defendant was charged with breaking and entering Nos 10-21 Hankow Road, the premises of the Hunzon Shirt Manufacturers, Kowloon, with intent to commit a felony therein.

Defendant stated: I have been in gaol and I just came out from gaol and I have a family consisting of four or five children and I had no means to support them. I was compelled to do this. You haven't been doing much for their support for the last 14 years, have you?—But this time I had no intention to do evil things, my Lord, if I had any other means to support my children.

His Lordship said: You are 31, previous convictions for felony?—I know they were very wrong. I am practically a cripple and I cannot walk very well.

Sentence of five years' hard labour was passed.

DUBLIN, Aug. 17 (Reuters).—Some slight changes in the Irish Cabinet are announced to-night.

HARRISON FORMAN! Still Says Hongkong Has Ostrich Complex

Harrison Forman, American radio commentator now in Hongkong as special observer for the National Broadcasting Company, replied to his local critics when he went again on the air this morning. He still thinks that most of the time Hongkong has its head in the sand.

This is what Forman told American radio listeners this morning:—

Hello NBC. This is Harrison Forman speaking from Hongkong, China. It's exactly eight twenty-four in the morning here—Monday morning.

Civilian Hongkong is a bit hot under the collar about something I said in my broadcast of some days ago. Seems I had made a charge of ostrichism here—ostrichism is the act of growing tension in the face of growing tension in the Pacific. There've been some strong letters to the editor about it, and given some editorial comment. I quote a few lines from one of the leading papers:—

"The cry of 'Wolf' has been raised so frequently that it calls for far too much effort these times to rouse up the mental agility needed to examine the unpleasant question seriously."

Well, seems to me that just about proves the charge!

Not Taken Seriously
Folks here—civilians—just can't, or won't take this new tension seriously. Not even to the point of laying up a few extra cans of beans and a sack of flour or rice—just in case. Especially with Japan so bullish on her mission of "Expansion or Bust!"

Well, fortunately, the military powers—be here are no ostriches. Fortunately, too, the civilian powers—be here are no ostriches either. For the past many months large quantities of rice, flour and other essential foods, have been imported by the Government and stored in special warehouses, scattered about the Colony for protection from air raids. A vital step; for Hongkong produces practically no food for itself—beyond a few vegetables and a little rice.

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BRITISH TANKER TORPEDOED
PERNAMBUCO, Aug. 17 (UP).—The Captain of the steamer Cuayabajas reported by radio that he has picked up a lifeboat with fifteen survivors of the British tanker Horatishell, 8,272 tons, which was torpedoed about 100 miles from Las Palmas, Canary Islands on July 26. Three other lifeboats are missing with forty other survivors.

Yugo-Slavs Eradicated From French Empire
VICHY, Aug. 17 (Reuters).—Yugo-Slav diplomatic and consular establishments in France and the French Empire are to be closed by the French Government.

Export Questions
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Bangkok Denies Report Smearing Gt Britain
BANGKOK, Aug. 17 (Reuters).—There is no truth whatever in the foreign news report that Britain has demanded from the Thai Government the control of the Aranya-Prades railway line and that in case of non-compliance Britain would threaten her with forcible measures, says a communiqué.

(The Aranya-Prades railway terminus is 150 miles due east of Bangkok on the old Thai-Indo-China frontier).

Japanese Everywhere
BANGKOK, Aug. 17 (Reuters).—It is said that from Bangkok down to Songkhla one sees Japanese everywhere, says a writer in "Supra-

Red Army Welcomes Message

MOSCOW, Aug. 17 (Reuters).—"The consolidation of the anti-fascist coalition of peoples is a guarantee of victory over Fascism" says an article in the Soviet paper, the "Red Star" in an official publication to the Red Army dealing with a message sent by President Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill to M. Stalin.

The paper says that the Red Army's struggle contributes to the growth and strengthening of this coalition" which came into being from the very first days of Fascist Germany's dastardly attack on the Soviet Union.

The Red Army, which is carrying out with honour and glory its great mission of destruction of fascist barbarity receives with special satisfaction the assurances given by President Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill to the head of the Soviet Government and the Peoples' Commissariat for Defence, M. Stalin.

At Right Time
The message is all the more significant in that it came at a moment when the Soviet people and the Red Army are exerting all efforts to render their blows at a treacherous enemy still more crushing.

The assistance which the United States and Great Britain intend to render to the Soviet Union will help to smash Hitlerism by their joint efforts. The peoples who are struggling against the Fascist beast have many difficulties ahead. It is all the more important to ensure timely and correct co-ordination of all efforts in this struggle.

Tokyo Talks With N.E.I. Are Resumed

TOKYO, Aug. 17 (Reuters).—Japan has opened new trade talks with the Netherlands East Indies to end the "freezing" war, according to "Domei" despatches from Batavia which state that talks are making such "smooth progress" that the resumption of normal trade relations is expected next week.

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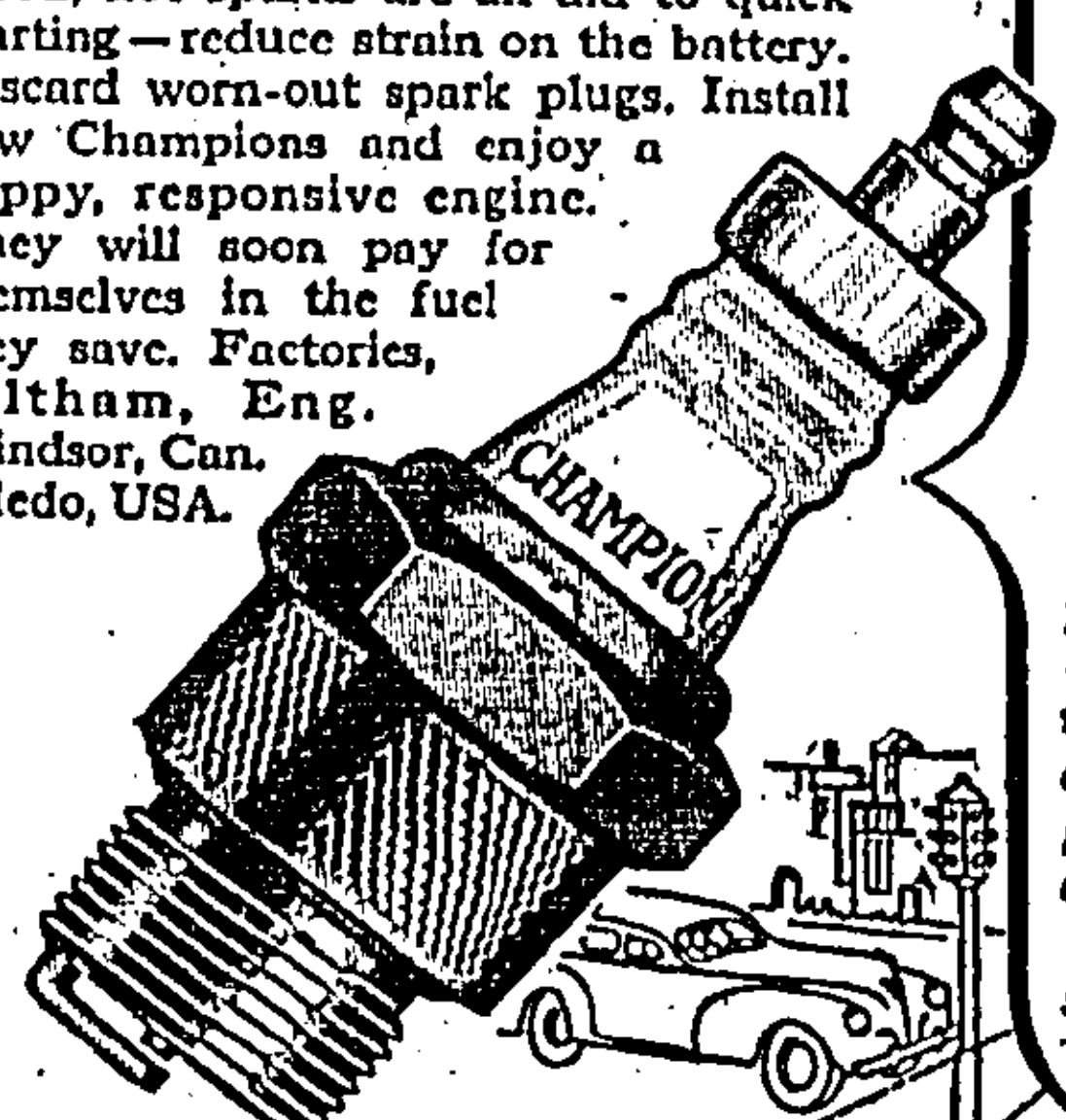
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Brilliant Bowling By U.M. Omar

Champion Rink Beaten By Club-mates 22-13

Interesting Game At K.F.C.

(By "Wick")

Though it may be a slight exaggeration to say that U. M. Omar defeated R. Basa, A. E. Coates, J. S. Landolt and C. S. Rosset in the last of the quarter-final matches in the rinks championship, there is no gainsaying the fact that he was primarily responsible for the defeat of the champions on the Kowloon F.C. green yesterday by 22-13.

Playing one of his best games for a considerable time, "U.M." carried his two younger brothers and B. W. Bradbury to the semi-finals. His was the dominating personality on the green and but for him the title-holders might have scraped through in view of the brilliant form of Landolt who, on numerous occasions, changed adverse positions into his side's favour, only to see his splendid work nullified by U. M. Omar.

While the standard of play was not always maintained at a high level, the game was nevertheless always interesting. This was due to the fact that the rinks were well-matched as regards the front men. A. M. Omar was definitely better than Basa at No. 1. K. M. Omar and A. E. Coates shared the honours at No. 2, both being extremely steady. Landolt, however, was brilliant in the first 17 heads or so and almost invariably had the better of Bradbury.

It was in the play of the respective skips, however, that the greatest difference lay. Omar was almost uncanny in his accuracy with drawing, trailing and driving

while Rosset had an off day and even his driving ability—so notable a feature of his play—was not in evidence.

The winners scored on 13 heads against the champions' eight. Each side scored two threes, but while Omar also registered five twos, Rosset managed to obtain only one.

Close Scoring

Actually there were never more than five shots between the two rinks in the first 18 heads. Starting off with a three, Omar's ink led 10-5 on the 8th, 15-10 on the 14th and 16-13 on the 17th. But thereafter it was all Omar, who scored two twos and two singles in the last four heads.

Had Rosset kept his four on the 18th head, there might have been a different tale to tell. But U.M. came to the rescue of his side—not for the first time—by drawing a perfect first shot with his last wood.

The scores then were 16-13 in Omar's favour and a four for Rosset at the stage would have given the latter the lead for the first time in the match. But he and his No. 3 adopted tactics which seemed inexplicable to many of those watching the game.

The back hand was closed to Omar, who had been heavy with his first wood. Rosset was then asked by

Fourth Round Pairs Draw

The following is the draw for the fourth round of the Open Pairs Championships:

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 20
At Kowloon B.C.C.—L. J. Silva and J. F. V. Ribeiro v. A. J. Kew and V. H. Tang.
At Kowloon C.C.—H. A. Alves and F. V. Ribeiro (holders) v. J. V. Ribeiro and R. Morrison.
At Police B.C.—A. M. Omar and U. M. Omar v. J. Williamson and C. S. M. Thom.
At Kowloon B.C.—H. R. Pina and B. Dario v. E. C. Post and W. Cameron.

THURSDAY AUGUST 21
At Recreation—J. M. Jack and A. E. Perry v. W. R. Harris and A. Soutar v. J. Babbington and J. F. McGowan.
At Kowloon B.C.—S. R. Solina and K. M. Omar v. S. Ecclehill and J. Shepherd.
At Kowloon F.C.—Levet and H. Spence v. Walker and R. Duncan or K. C. Hamilton and A. M. Holland.
At Choi Yee—T. Madar and J. S. Landolt.
At P. Guest v. D. A. Rozario and J. S. Landolt.

Landolt to put a wood ten yards in front of the jack—and Rosset obeyed!

It was difficult to understand the purpose of having a wood in the place Landolt wanted. Omar could not drive in any case with opponents lying four shots—even if the jack could be seen, and it could not—and must therefore draw to cover. It would have been immeasurably better to block the only hand left open to him.

To The Rescue

And so it proved. With the fore hand wide open and with two of his woods a yard in front, Omar quietly drew round them and sat on the kitty for the very first shot.

Omar followed this up with a two on the 19th and after this the game was almost as good as over. The head described above was only one of several in which U. M. Omar extricated his side from a difficult position. On the 5th head, with Rosset lying two, Omar's last wood hit a front wood for the first shot to prevent Rosset from getting on level terms. The wood ran well for Omar, but he nominated the shot and there could be no complaint about a "fuke".

Again on the 14th, when the skips went down Rosset had the first shot and Omar had several seconds. Omar drove and forced the shot through to the three. Rosset then drew first shot—only to see Omar take the jack through to claim three again. Rosset was a trifle heavy with his last wood, but he trailed the jack and finally finished up as second shot.

Scores:
U. M. Omar 30 20 13 0 10 0 2
0 2 10 0 10 12 2
C. S. Rosset 0 10 30 0 10 11 0
30 0 2 0 10 0 0 0

Play up, Play up And Play The Game

Hongkong Complex About Victory And Defeat

Indelible "Stigma"

(By "Tinker")

This may be a democratic Colony, but on sports fields there is one autocrat who will never be displaced—the referee or umpire. We are taught from youth that he is the man who rules our games, and that his word is law.

Though to some of the more revolutionary it may appear a wrong practice to teach people from childhood to accept decisions that from all angles, except the referee's, may be very wrong, it is only out of this that some of the greatest sporting traditions of the world have been born.

There have been incidents on most fields, but not one has ever done any good to the particular games in which they have occurred.

Soccer suffers many black marks through rowdy hooliganism. We have read of teams walking off in wholesale protest of a referee's ruling; we have also read of crowds rioting in sympathy with disgruntled players.

But how far along its long road do you think soccer would have progressed if from the start there was no control over the game? The authority of the ruling body is in its deputy the referee. He interprets the rules as he knows them, and adjudges incidents as he sees them.

Even in baseball, the most democratic game of all, in which one may scream insults impartially at players and umpires alike, the umpire's word is law. And the rowdiest of rowdy recognize that fact.

What then is this strange feeling, far too frequent in recent years, that has spoiled so many a contest. A game or a race is not an event of almighty importance. Someone has to lose, whether through good play or through error. Why not leave it at that. Return matches can always be arranged, and results can always be reversed.

But, no. Protests are filed; Committees are stirred into action; the whole gains repugnance; publicity, and there have even been shocking threats of withdrawal from competitions to gain a petty end.

And it is certainly about time some sort of stand was made against the procedure. Sport may lose in numbers but it gains in quality.

DOUBTLESS, international matches introduce more than their fair share of bad feeling. Nationalism has no prominent place on the sports field—it is subordinate to the rules of the game. Let it remain there.

To the umpire who always knows more than the referee or umpire or judge I would say that a game loses by their hiding their superior ability. Let them come forward and offer their services, the ranks of referees can always accommodate them.

A cricketer given out, b.w., may glare at the umpire and walk about the ground with his hat, but that is the fullest extent of his remonstrance. He walks back to the pavilion, and though his dismissal may have cost his side the match I've yet to hear of a protest and demand for a replay. To the umpire who always knows more than the referee or umpire or judge I would say that a game loses by their hiding their superior ability. Let them come forward and offer their services, the ranks of referees can always accommodate them.

In America it is far more frequent and in this Colony of ours the American influence is apparent, but inclined to be carried to excess. Defeat seems to entail a most degrading "loss of face" and the whole wrapped up in one parcel can create havoc.

A game's a game, no matter what, so for Pete's sake let's just play it and then think of something else.

Football Lectures

Football Referees' classes for Civilian, and Services will be held at Scandal Point Hall this evening, at 7 o'clock.

Baseball

PORTUGAL TROUCE CANADA 17-9

FIRST of the International matches was played yesterday, in which Portugal beat Canada 17-9. Second outstanding match of the week-end was the 5-4 Charity struggle between Hongkong and the U. S. Navy, the odd run being in the Colony's favour.

Two League games were played, in the first of which the mighty "M" slashed their way to a 15-7 victory over South China, and in the second Chung Hwa Maroons humbled the Sappers 8-4.

Sunday Cricket Still Popular At University

SUNDAY CRICKET at the University continues its popularity, and another game was played yesterday morning at the Pokfulam ground. An XI led by A. Zimmern beat the undergraduates by one wicket.

Scoring was not high. L. H. Tan, 34, and C. N. Matthews, 23, being top-scorers for the "Varsity XI," while only three men of the visiting side reached double figures.

A. J. Hulce, 49 not out, was top-scorer, and in partnership with F. J. Lay, 31, D. O. Parsons, 28, took the visitors' score to a respectable prominence. The latter batsmen, however, failed.

League Bowls

Kowloon F.C. Bid For Promotion

AS KOWLOON F.C. seem in line for promotion in the Lawn Bowls League, so the Kowloon B.C.C. "B" seem slated for relegation. These facts emerged from the results of the week-end matches, wherein Civil Service C.C. scored a surprising victory over Kowloon Dock, and left K.B.C.C. "B" at the very bottom of the senior table.

Kowloon Football Club have secured a five points lead over Kowloon T.C. in the Second Division, the latter team failing to secure a single point against Talkoo—second surprise—while the first named beat the Hongkong C.C. 4-1.

Results in brief were:
FIRST DIVISION
Recreo "A" 4 Indian R.C. 1
K.B.C.C. "B" 0 Craigengower 0
K.B.C.C. "A" 4 Kowloon C.C. 0
Recreo "B" 5 Reere "B" 4
K. Dock 1 C.S.C.C. 0
SECOND DIVISION
Craigengower 5 Reere 0
Kowloon F.C. 4 Hongkong C.C. 0
Talkoo 5 K. Tong 0
K.B.C.C. 0 Prison C.C. 0
THIRD DIVISION
Police 5 Craigengower 0
K.B.C.C. 1 Hongkong C.C. 2
Electric 4 Kowloon F.C. 1
Reere 4 Indian R.C. 1

Aquatics

Lai Tsun Union Avenge Former Defeat

LAI TSUN secured revenge for their defeated by the Victoria Recreation Club at the earlier swimming meeting when they met in the return engagement at the "Y" pool on Saturday night. The final points score was 27-26, and this would have been reversed had Miss Celeste Gutierrez not unfortunately been disqualified in the women's 100 yards back-stroke for making a bad turn.

As it turned out, the whole was decided on the last event—the 800 yards free-style relay, and an easy victory was claimed by the home side.

But outstanding performance of the gala was that of Au Suk-yun over the 440 yards. In this he clocked 5 mins 26.3/5 seconds, just one second off Chan Chun-nam's record time for last year. Lau Taping, another of the Lai Tsun stalwarts, took second place from Charles Huang, which placing put them within distance of the V.R.C. total which was then the bigger.

In The Lead

THEY went into the lead when Miss Ko Miu-ling and Miss Lo Pok-kam took first and second places in the women's 100 yards breast-stroke, and when the visiting women failed to secure a single point from the 100 yards back-stroke, Lai Tsun had gained a commanding lead.

They maintained their lead until the women's 160 yards relay which was won by the V.R.C., who once again went out in front, but there was no doubt that Lai Tsun would win the 800 yards free-style relay, which proved to be the deciding event of the meet.

CHARITY CARNIVAL AT WEST POINT

Three-day Meeting

A three-day swimming carnival, sponsored by the Kwangtung Provincial Relief Committee, began on Saturday night at the Chung Shing Benevolent Society's Swimming pavilion, West Point. Musical entertainment and a fire-dragon display greatly enhanced the success of the evening. The man-pupulators of the dragon had been specially engaged from Ho Tung, Kwangtung Province.

The programme comprised exhibition swimming and high diving, which were performed by several leading Colony swimmers.

Those who contributed to the programme were: Ornamental Swimming, Lau Kul-yuen (Eastern); 50 metres butterfly-stroke, Ng Nin (Sing Tao); Women's 50 metres, Miss Ho Wai-king (C.B.C.); 100 metres, Lau Kul-yuen (Eastern); 100 metres breast-stroke, Fung Wai-chung (Chinese "Y"); Women's 100 metres breast-stroke, Miss Lee Po-luen (South China).

Yesterday's Programme

Hundreds of people attended the second night of the swimming gala organised by the Kwangtung Provincial Relief Committee and held at the Chung Shing Bathing Pavilion yesterday. The Fire Dragon display proved very popular. Exhibitions were given by several swimmers.

Contributions amounting to HK\$20,000 have been received by the Committee which is holding the gala for relief of wounded soldiers and refugees in Kwangtung.

To-night will be the gala's last night and many attractions are on the evening's programme of entertainment.

Inter-School Heats

Hents for the Schoolboys' and Schoolgirls' Swimming gala under the auspices of Victoria Recreation Club will be held this evening in the V.R.C. pool at 7 sharp.

Schools participating in the boys' heats are: St. Joseph's College, St. Stephen's College, La Salle College, Diocesan Boys' School, Nam Wah College and Chung Wah College.

Only three entries have been received from the girls' schools of the

Tsui Hang Clocks Very Fair Time For 100 Metres

FEATURE of the Hongkong and Kowloon Residents Union's fifth gala on Saturday night was the effort of Tsui Hang, who won the 100 yards from David Hutchinson last week, over 100 metres, the time being 64.2 secs.

There was a fairly large crowd present, and the events provided considerable interest. Times, however, were on the poor side, though competition was keen.

A new event was the Women's 75 metres individual medley race, this being one of the new events for the Colony Championships this year, and it was won by Miss Ng Suey-lin in 73 seconds.

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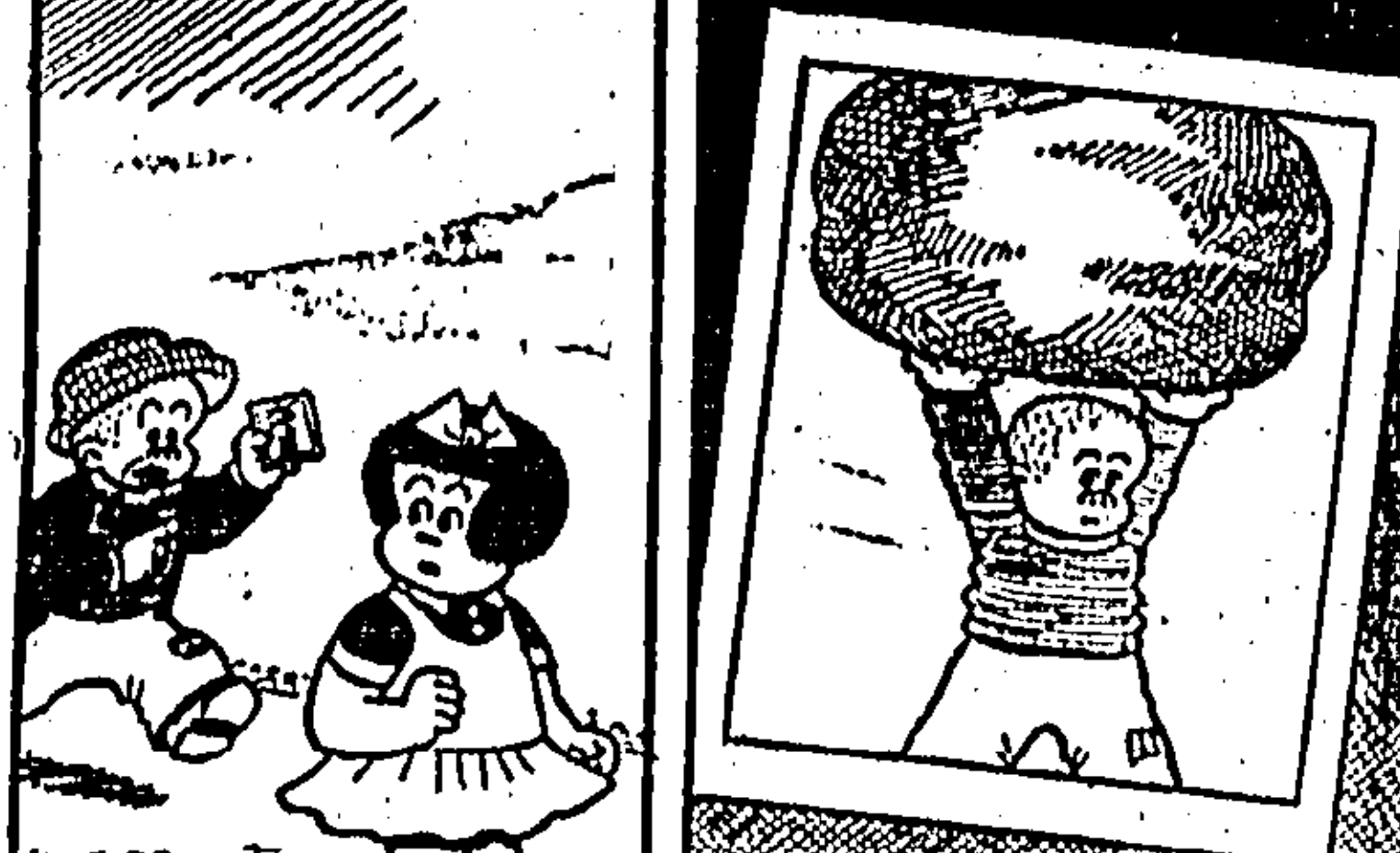
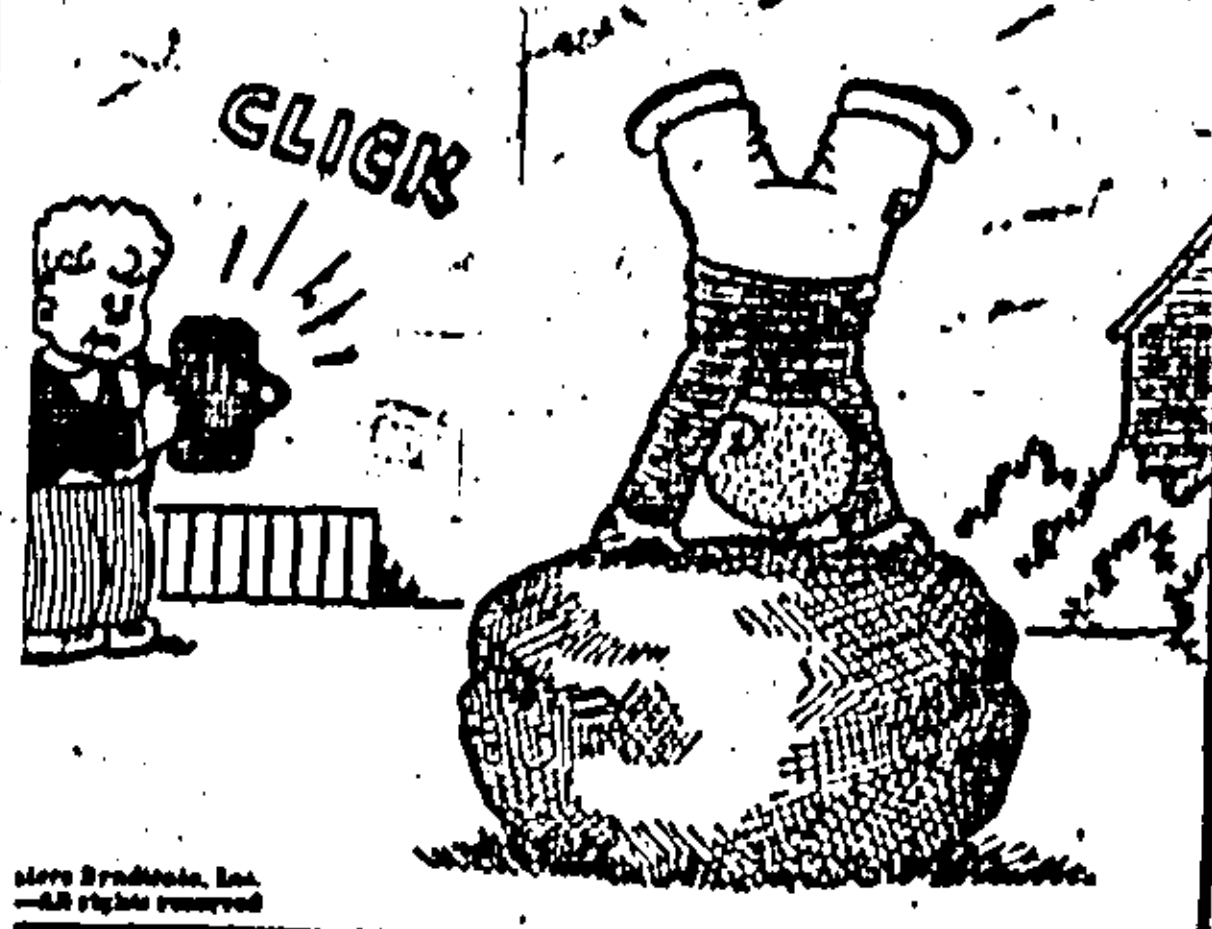
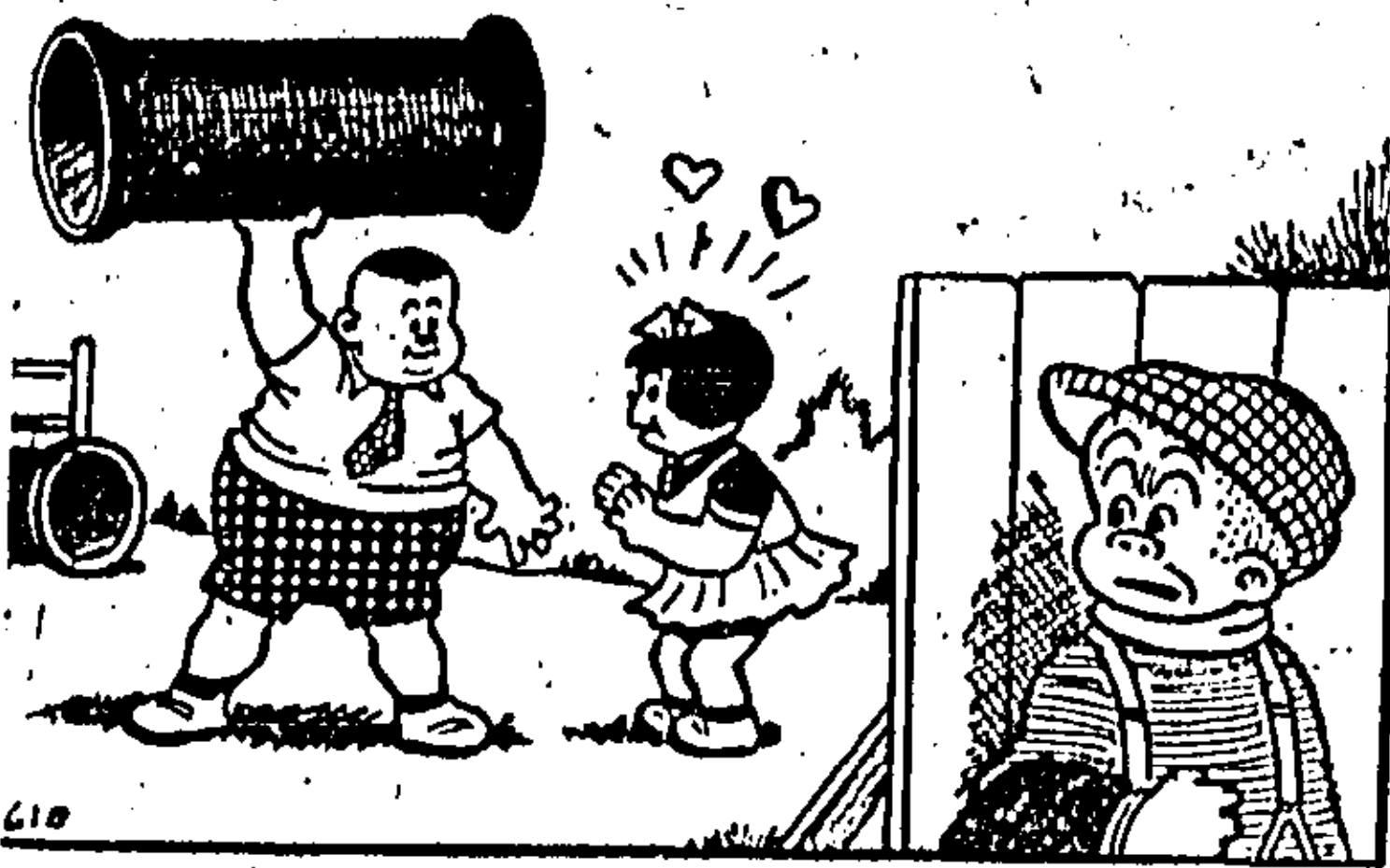
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Japan Displeased By Anglo-Soviet Accord

Special to the "Telegraph"

TOKYO, August 18 (Domei).—Declaring that it is regrettable that the Soviet Union has decided to join in the Anglo-American camp in the war against the Axis Powers in Europe, the "Hochi Shimbun" says, "Japan as a partner of Italy and Germany cannot remain indifferent to the increasing collaboration among Britain and the United States and the Soviet Union."

Referring to the projected Moscow conference, the paper says, "Britain and the United States are most likely to promise the supply of arms and ammunition and other military equipment to the Soviet Union in return for Russian raw materials such as iron ore, coal, oil and manganese."

"If the Soviet Union accepts such a deal she may be greatly disappointed for it is a well-known fact that Britain and America at present are not in a position to extend aid to others."

The paper further says, "If the Soviet Union's increasing collaboration with Britain and America brings about any change in the Far Eastern situation, Japan will not be responsible for any change in its current relations with the Soviet Union which have been improving greatly since the recent conclusion of the Neutrality Pact."

SINO ENGINEERS SEEK BETTER CONDITIONS

Chinese engineers and machine-shop workers in the Colony, who have been negotiating for some time past for better standards of pay and employment conditions compatible with the increased cost of living, are now reported to have received counter-proposals from their employers. Representatives of the Chinese Engineering Society will confer this afternoon with the Labour Officer, Mr. B. C. K. Hawkins. It is not known what proposals have been received from employers.

The Society, one of the biggest labour organisations in Hongkong, acts for several thousand people working for Chinese factories here.

Capture of Nikolaiev Only A Minor German Success

LONDON Aug. 17 (Reuter).—A commentary by "Annalist" states: "Eight weeks of constant war, in which millions of men, thousands of tanks and any number of guns have been engaged, see the Germans with their first substantial success in their hands, namely the town of Nikolaiev on the Black Sea."

"It is not a very big prize nor was it fortified like Odessa, but it confirms that the Germans have over-run the extreme southern portion of the Ukraine as far as the estuary of the Dnieper River with the exception of the port of Odessa, which may involve a costly toll if reduced by force."

Great Lakes Iron Ore Fleet

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17 (Reuter).—The construction of an emergency fleet of 25 Great Lakes iron ore boats at the cost of about \$50,000,000 for delivery in 1943 is recommended to the Maritime Commission by the Office of Production Management.

Officials indicated that the boats are necessary to move iron ore for the expanded steel programme and that an even greater fleet might ultimately be found necessary.

Economic Control

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17 (Reuter).—Trade measures taken to-day for the defence of the United States include:

- (1) Placing more commodities under export control. They include wool, pulp, metals, machinery and vehicles, rubber and rubber goods, chemicals and related products except certain pharmaceutical products not listed in previous schedules.
- (2) The United States Army and Navy have been given priority on orders for mosquito netting, sewing machines and all types of business machines.

Attempted Murder In Shanghai

CHUNGKING, Aug. 18 (Central News).—An attempt was made yesterday afternoon by a gunman on the life of Fan Heng-teh, proprietor of the Dai Wu Tai, a theatre in the International Settlement in Shanghai.

When he was fired upon and wounded, but his life is in no danger. The gunman killed a policeman after an exchange of fire.

The attempted murder is believed to be due to personal grudges.

LETTERS

The Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.

Sir,—The Prevention of Eviction Ordinance was admittedly intended as a salutary measure to restrain insatiable landlords from rapacious exploiting their unfortunate tenants by periodically increasing the rents of their dwellings whose refusal to comply with the demands would, they know, result in the certainty of their being evicted from their homes; for "the power of eviction is, in the words of the Honourable the Attorney General at the time of the passing of the original ordinance, "a terrible weapon in such a congested Colony as Hongkong."

For this Ordinance, which confers on the public a great measure of relief and benefit, and which His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, was undoubtedly responsible for bringing into being, he will be ever gratefully remembered by the public of Hongkong as one of his outstanding achievements.

Nevertheless the periodical raising of the rents of the poor tenants by their greedy landlords is, unfortunately, as rampant as ever, and the reason that few voices have been raised in indignant protest against the landlords' insatiable greed is that the great majority of the tenants belong to the poor ignorant class of natives, who, rather than refuse to comply with their landlords' unjust demands would meekly submit to them for fear of being turned out of their homes.

On the question of the assessment of rent, on which landlords seem to have such reluctance, it is evident that, because of the hazardous way in which it had, in some instances, been made, it leaves much to be desired.

Take a case point: Exactly six months after the Eviction Ordinance had been passed, the rent of a flat was increased 25 per cent and only last year the old landlord again gave notice of a further increase in rent, but after having pointed out to him the disadvantage of this flat in comparison with those of adjoining houses, he was amenable to reason and did not raise the rent; but no sooner had the present new landlord acquired these houses than he immediately raised the rent of every flat, and to implement it he had recourse to the Assessor.

In due course and without any notice, a party consisting of a European and a Chinese from the Assessment Department came to the above flat and began measuring it, which like most corner Chinese tenement houses is surrounded by freil glass windows giving into an apology for a verandah of only 2 feet 9 inches in width which served no useful purpose.

Now, to obtain space sufficient for three cubicles, these have to be erected against the glass windows which, being exposed completely to sun and rain, make it impossible to put them in such a position; so they have to be placed against the wall which, owing to the space taken up by the entrance, leaves just sufficient space for only two cubicles; whereas at the flats of adjoining houses have each three cubicles.

Therefore, it is quite clear that, according to the dictates of common sense, any increases in rent should be apportioned proportionately, taking into consideration the disability of or otherwise of each individual flat; but, instead of this, the assessment, the rent of a flat containing only two cubicles has been increased 50 per cent more than the increase in the rent of flats containing three cubicles each, which is really what has been done in this case.

Consequently, the conclusion is irresistible that, consequent upon the increase in the rent of the above flat, the assessment of the rents between the above and the other flats, the assessment is, to say the least, wrong because it was not intelligently made.

Moreover, the rent of the above flat has since the beginning of the war already been increased exactly 162½ per cent—a fact which the person who made the assessment and recommended the unfortunate increase in rent did not probably know.

Furthermore, if like the Urban Council, which could find it no inconvenience to distribute thousands of notices to householders informing them days in advance of their rent, that their dwellings would be cleansed, surely the Assessors' Department can easily do the same since it has but a very few notices for distribution; and, by doing so, some proper persons might be enabled not only to attend the parties of the Assessors' Department on their calling at the premises but also to furnish them with certain relevant facts which they may be unaware of or unable to see for themselves without being brought to their notice; thus much friction and even annoyance can be avoided, while intelligent assessment should be the result.

J. M. XAVIER.
*Address of the case in point has been eliminated—Editor.

Fleet Air Arms' Best Week In Mid. East

LONDON, Aug. 17 (British Wireless).—With the destruction in the Mediterranean during the last 48 hours of 17,000 tons of enemy shipping, to which must be added a 2,000-ton merchantman sunk at Catania and another vessel of 1,300 tons sunk at Syracuse during the last few days, the Fleet Air Arm have completed their most successful week in the Middle East, says the Air Ministry.

To these confirmed shipping losses and a collier bombed at Lampedusa must be added a destroyer and two schooners of 800 tons each, which were probably destroyed.

Ranging in their raids from Gondar to Tripoli, Sicily and Greece, our aircraft have carried out a blitz which, though over-shadowed by the intensity of the air war over Germany and occupied territories, has nevertheless proved extremely successful.

The blitz started on the night of August 8-9 when a large formation of heavy R.A.F. bombers carried out a concentrated and damaging attack on the waterway of the Corinth Canal. It was subsequently revealed after the second raid a few nights later that considerable landslides had been caused and that the Canal was damaged to such an extent as to make it un navigable for a long period.

S. Africans Hit Hard
Continuous day and night attacks were made elsewhere. With the R.A.F. and Fleet Air Arm, a South African Air Force formation of 10 Marylands and Tomahawks added to the weight of the offensive particularly on Tripoli and Cirene.

Bombing had a particularly severe raid and one explosion was seen 100 miles away.

During the week, British aircraft also attacked shipping and aerodromes in Sicily and southern Italy.

Portuguese Passes On

Mr. E. E. Osmund

Mr. Ernest Edgar Osmund, age 57, a well-known member of the Hongkong Portuguese community, died at his residence at No. 1 Liberty Avenue, Homunth, yesterday after a long illness.

The late Mr. Osmund worked in Messrs. Jardine Matheson's Insurance Department for 35 years and retired not long ago.

He is survived by three brothers, Messrs. A. F., C. H. and G. V. Osmund and four sisters Mrs. A. P. P. Lopes (Shanghai), Mrs. J. Berardo and Mrs. C. M. Alves. He was the prominent local building player.

The funeral will pass the Monument at 5.30 p.m. to-day.

Another Piracy In British Waters

A piracy occurred inside British waters on August 16 when a cargo of machinery and other goods was lost.

According to a report made by Cheung Kai, of cargo boat No. 4327, the boat was sailing near Nine Pins Island about 8 p.m. when it encountered a small sampan. After a few shots fired from the sampan, six robbers, armed with two revolvers and a rifle, boarded the boat. Some of the crew were put ashore and the robbers sailed the boat away.

Sicily and North Africa Raked by Royal Air Force

CAIRO, Aug. 17 (Reuter).—A successful raid on Sicily on Friday night was reported in the R.A.F. communique to-day which states:

"Sicily: Heavy R.A.F. bombers carried out a successful raid on the port of Catania during Friday night, and many bombs were dropped on the central mole, railway stations, Customs buildings and warehouses, causing one large fire and many small ones."

Later, an explosion occurred when the dam was struck to a height of 800 feet and were visible for 70 miles.

Sweepers were made by fighters over southern Sicily yesterday but no combat resulted.

"Cyrenaica: During Friday night R.A.F. bombers raided aerodromes at Bardia and Bengazi, and the ports of Bardia and Bengazi. A German direct hit was registered on hangars and administrative buildings. Control offices were set on fire, and there were a number of explosions. At Bardia, grounded aircraft were attacked. Aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm, supported by R.A.F. Bombers, successfully raided Bardia and bombed shipping at Bengazi."

Tobruk
"Enemy gun positions south of our positions at Tobruk were subjected to a heavy bombardment by the combined forces of the R.A.F. and

Fighting On West River Resumes

SHIUKWAN, Aug. 18 (Central News).—Japanese troops from Samshui, on the West River in Kwangtung, pushed to Old Samshui City on August 13 and continued their advance on Chinglungkong, via Hailakong, north of Old Samshui City the next day. Chinese troops launched counter-attacks and drove them back.

Swabue Advance Repulsed
SHIUKWAN, Aug. 18 (Central News).—A Japanese force from Swabue invaded Lauchingbu, north-east of Swabue, on the Kwangtung coast, on August 13. They met with stubborn Chinese resistance and retreated to Swabue.

A Japanese unit from Kongmoon, pushing westward on the Sunwui-Holsan highway, was engaged by the Chinese at Pingtilling on August 12. It was driven back after hours of fighting.

Communique
CHUNGKING, Aug. 17 (Central News).—A freight train on the Shanghai-Nanking Railway was over-turned yesterday at Anting, 20 miles northwest of Shanghai, where the rails had been torn up, according to a Shanghai report.

Trains could not go through to-day as repairs had not yet been completed. Passengers had to change trains at the spot.

It is believed that the line was sabotaged by Chinese mobile units.

Raid on Kunning

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
INDO-CHINA BASE, Aug. 18 (Domei).—Japanese naval planes yesterday heavily bombed Kunning, the capital of Yunnan Province, says an official naval communique. Fires were started at several places in the city. Aircraft plants in the city were also bombed.

Szechuen Bases Attacked

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
NANKING, August 18 (Domei).—Japanese military air units on Sunday made an intense attack on Tzeliutling, the greatest salt producing centre in Szechuen Province to the west of Chungking, the Press Section of the Japanese Expeditionary Forces to China announced.

Other Army air units also bombed the city of Kailshien, in eastern Szechuen, and the salt manufacturing plants there, while the supply lines near Kweichow in western Hupeh were also bombed and destroyed, the communique discloses.

LONDON, Aug. 17 (British Wireless).—The British community in Sumatra have cabled £1,000 to the Minister of Supply as a gift towards the purchase of tanks.

South African Air Force bombers and fighters.

"Our fighters intercepted and damaged an Italian bomber off Cambut.

Malta
"Malta: Malta was raided on Friday night but with only minor damage. From all these operations, only one of our aircraft is missing."

Italian Version

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
ROME, Aug. 17 (UP).—An official communique states that the British air force last night again undertook action against Catania and attacked Syracuse where they were met by a fierce barrage of Italian ground defence.

High explosive and incendiary bombs struck a number of dwelling houses. Some damage was caused at Syracuse but there were no casualties. Eighteen persons were killed and twenty-five wounded during the attack on Catania.

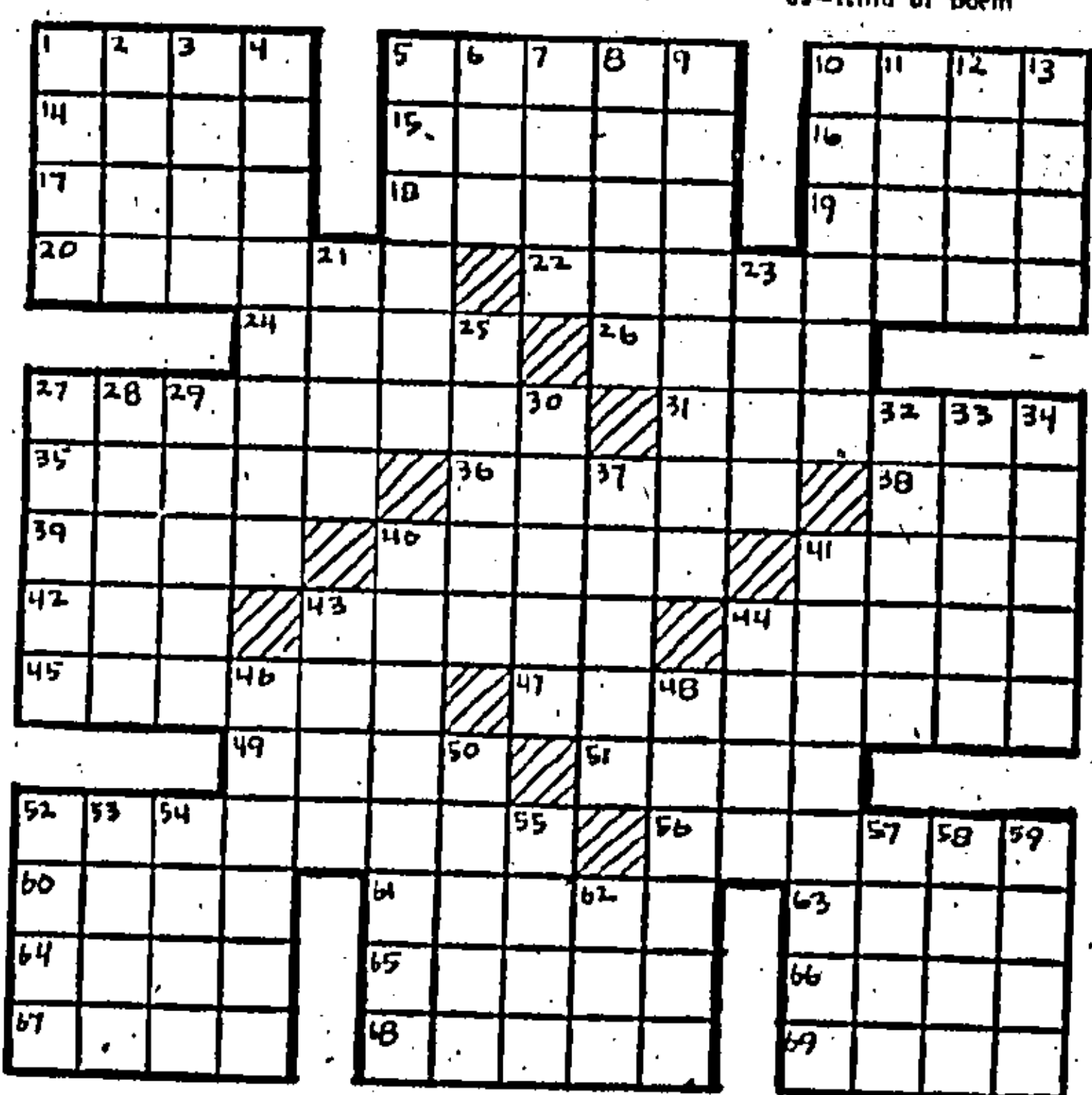
Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

1—Cicatrice	11—In mid-air	21—Kind of bread	31—Member of	41—Arms race	51—Kind of liquid	61—Medicine (injection of liquid)	71—Compulsory	81—Faced punishment	91—Pertaining to swimming	101—Kind of fruit (pl.)	111—Kind of bird	121—Without tail	131—That thing	141—Lash	151—One of Ettruscan	161—Kind of outfit	171—Delighting to, as	181—Natal (person)	191—Noble of Denmark	201—Resting on chair	211—Including structure	221—Great will of	231—It compensated	241—Woke mistake	251—Hindu prince	261—Cliving grudgingly	271—Inmate	281—Punctuated mark	291—Wind storm
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32—Disinfect	42—Exotic	52—Factual fact of	62—Human race	72—Fruit	82—Character	92—Place to be untrue	102—Narrow	112—Take out	122—Artificial waterway	132—Kind of duck	142—African antelope	152—Lizard	162—Lore peculiar	172—Unpleasant reason	182—Encircled	192—Kind of disposition	202—State politics of	212—Duties to	222—Breathily loud	232—Hole in ground	242—Seed covering	252—Of part	262—Challenge	272—Lion on	282—Item of tail grass	292—Kind of poem
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7.17 Piano and Organ Duets by Patricia Rossborough and Robinson Cleaver.

7.30 Variety with Nora Blancy, Floissam and Jettam, The Boswell Sisters and Others.

8.0 London Relay—The News.

8.15 London Relay—War Commentary.

8.25 London Relay—"News From Home" by Howard Marshall.

11.15 Close down.

Post.

Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.

8.30 Programme Summary.

8.32 Folk Songs and Music.

9.00 Local Time Signal and Announcements.

9.02 This week's programmes.

9.05 Studio—Talk by Mr. J. F. MacGregor on "The British Prisoners of War Fund."

9.15 Arensky—Trio in D Minor, Op. 32.

Eileen Joyce (Piano) Henri Tomiatka (Violin), and Antoni Sala (Cello).

9.45-10.00 News in French (On Short Wave only).

9.45 Operatic Duets.

"Samson And Delilah"—Softly Awaken My Heart (Saint-Seans), Little C. Gernay and M. Georges Phill w. Orchest.

"The Force Of Destiny"—In This Soloman Hour (Verdi), Charles Kullman and Walter Grossmann with members of the State Opera House Orchestra.

10.0 London—The News and News Commentary.

10.15 A Programme of Dance Music.

11.0 London—"News From Home" by Howard Marshall.

11.15 Close down.

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ROOSEVELT AND HULL CONFER

FROM PAGE ONE

the country an exceedingly correct picture shall not go on.

Conference With Hull
WASHINGTON, Aug. 17 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt, immediately on returning, summoned Mr Cordell Hull for a conference.

French Ties
WASHINGTON, Aug. 17 (Reuter).—It is understood that President Roosevelt has discussed with Mr Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, at the White House on the international situation, particularly as regards French ties with Germany and the Far East crisis.

Another Appropriation
To-morrow, Congressional leaders will meet President Roosevelt, probably to discuss another Lease-Lend appropriation of upwards of \$10,000,000,000.

GRUESOME STRUGGLE

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ful offensive in the Ukrainian and northwestern fronts.

In the south the Russians are carrying out an orderly withdrawal under the protection of a strong rearguard.

The Soviet Force which last week abandoned Kiev in the Central Ukraine has now fallen back to fight a rearguard action protecting important industrial regions along the Dnieper.

In the northwest the Red Army appeared to be holding back the double thrust at Leningrad.

Heavy fighting is reported in progress round Staraya-Russa, south of Lake Ilmen.

The "Red Star" said that the Red Army counter-attacked and captured the city inflicting "12" and that the Red Army is still advancing.

Nazis Shot Down
On Sunday night, the communiqué said, 10 German planes were shot down in air combats and 12 Russians are missing.

Soviet submarines sank two large Rumanian transports in the Black Sea.

The Germans are said to be hurling fresh units into the great offensive and paying heavily in killed and wounded.

NIPPONESE STRENGTH DISCLOSURE

TOKYO, Aug. 18 (Domei).—The "Japan Times and Advertiser" in an editorial under the caption "Underestimated Japan," comments on the recent magazine article by the Navy spokesman Captain Hideo Hirota, and quotes him as saying, "Had any foreign people a correct idea of Japan's real power, they would never think of challenging her."

The "Times" says that Captain Hirota claimed that the British and American encirclement of Japan was brought about from the failure to grasp the truth of the situation, especially with regard to Japan's fighting power. Captain Hirota pointed out that while the Imperial Navy consists of more than 500 vessels of all types and an air force of more than 4,000 planes, nevertheless there is a tendency grossly to misjudge Japan's ability to fight.

LATE NEWS

Behind Shanghai New Rates

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
SHANGHAI, Aug. 18 (UP).—The Hongkong & Shanghai Bank this morning began dealing in foreign exchange under permit from the Sino-American-British Stabilisation Board at Chungking which fixed the rates. The action halted business with other banks which had not yet received the permits. The official rates apply only to those merchants who are able to obtain permits under the freezing regulations after showing that they possess adequate merchandise or orders.

The purpose of the action is said to furnish coverage for legitimate business but bankers said the black market would continue as many would be unable to obtain permits.

Tokyo To Speed Up Preparedness

TOKYO, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—The Army, Navy and Government circles are supporting the creation of a "Total Power Mobilisation Ministry" in order to speed up the preparedness programme, according to the "Yokohama Specimen" which stated that a new ministry is needed to cope with the situation resulting from Soviet participation in the Anglo-American camp.

German Claims

BERLIN, Aug. 17 (UP).—The official news agency reports that German troops yesterday completed the mopping up of the remnants of the Soviet forces in the Krivovirg area where the Russian casualties, according to the reports so available, were very heavy. Seven thousand privates were captured, 30 guns, a

Nazi Sacrifices To Weaken Red Army

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speaks of fighting all along the front and precise information is lacking. But the impression in Moscow is that the big German thrust in the Ukraine is slowing down owing to fierce Russian resistance, and it is conceivable that the Dnieper river bend defence will become another "Smolensk."

What the Russians have abandoned so far does not appear vitally essential. The German claim of the capture of Krivovirg, the iron ore centre, has not been confirmed.

An indication that the fighting is slightly slowing down is provided by the relatively small Russian figures of both Russian and German losses. During the fierce moments of the Smolensk battle, these ran into many dozens daily.

Although the Germans possess Smolensk itself, it has cost them heavy losses and a mortal blow of vital importance—namely a demonstration of failure of the blitzkrieg.

General Yermolenko writes: "A thousand German tanks, after triumphal marches across Europe and in the fierce 30-day moving battle, in the course of which (it is now stated in the "Red Star" by Lieutenant-General Yermolenko), the town of Smolensk changed hands several times."

General Yermolenko adds that many times the Germans broke into Smolensk where they were completely wiped out by the Russians defending every street and every house.

Heap of Ruins
This incidentally confirms the statement that Smolensk has become a heap of ruins. A heap of ruins with much to suggest that the lyrical German propaganda stories about the holiday mood in the town upon the entry of German troops were nothing but a pack of inventions.

There are reliable indications that the Germans, stunned by the Russian resistance in this sector, have not attempted to resume the offensive. On the contrary, they fear a Russian counter-offensive here.

It is significant that the Germans have, outside Smolensk, buried their faulty tanks almost completely and using them as fill-bags.

Nazis Lost Hopes
If the blitzkrieg has failed, at least on this front as well as in the more northerly direction, the same is true of the German hopes to outflank the occupied parts.

With a total misunderstanding of the Russian mentality and mis-information from the wishful thinking of Soviet propaganda, the Germans imagined that they would be received with open arms by the local population. Hostility everywhere is complete and except for a few adventures and "Petliurovite" cranks, the Germans are hated here more than anywhere.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Aug. 17 (UP).—A communique announced over Radio Moscow stated, "Last night our troops continued fighting the enemy along the whole front. Our aviation in co-operation with our land forces continues to deal blows on enemy troops and attack enemy planes on enemy airfields."

Slowing Down
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Soviets Admit Evacuation
MOSCOW, Aug. 17 (Reuter).—The Soviet midnight communique announced the evacuation of Nikolaiyev and Krivovirg.

The communique also announces that during August 17 Russian troops continued fierce fighting against the enemy along the entire front. The divisions were completely smashed. The Germans left on the field a tremendous number of automobiles, motorcycles and bicycles.

"Other regiments of the same division lost up to 80 per cent. of their manpower and equipment."

In the course of the fighting near Gussakovsk, this division was finally smashed and now no longer represents any fighting value. The 262nd Division participated in the war against France and was considered by the Fascists one of the best divisions of the German Army.

"Recently the German 9th Infantry Division sustained heavy casualties. In fighting in the Studenets-Kovalov sector, this division lost about 70 per cent. of its manpower. Five hundred officers and soldiers surrendered. Our troops captured many trophies."

"For every metre of Soviet land captured, the German Fascists pay with heaps of corpses. In an attempt to attack the village of Yuzovsk, the 224th German Infantry Regiment lost 600 men in killed only. The 90th Light Division, which comprise a large number of cyclists and cavalry, lost in the vicinity of Kuzovovsk almost half its men and officers."

"The 218th regiment of this division was annihilated."

"In the Black Sea our submarines sank two large Rumanian transports."

German Claims
BERLIN, Aug. 17 (UP).—The official news agency reports that German troops yesterday completed the mopping up of the remnants of the Soviet forces in the Krivovirg area where the Russian casualties, according to the reports so available, were very heavy. Seven thousand privates were captured, 30 guns, a

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signers placed in custody "in retaliation for American anti-Japanese actions."

Harbouring Communists
The Japanese Army Press Bureau reports that the American Presbyterian Mission at Hwaian sent a letter to the Japanese officials admitting that the hospital was used to harbour members of the Chinese Fourth Route army of which nineteen wounded soldiers were permitted to escape prior to Japanese occupation of the city. The report said that the members of the staff of the hospital supplied military information to the Communists and also that the missionaries had apologised for their actions and promised that there would be no recurrence.

Japanese Statement
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
SHANGHAI, August 18 (Domei).—A categorical denial of the reports that an American missionary woman was strangled to death by Japanese troops at Hwaian in northern Kiangsu, was made on Sunday afternoon by the Japanese Army Press Bureau.

"There is absolutely no truth in the reports that an American woman was killed or the reports that other American missionaries were under detention," the Press Bureau announced.

The statement was issued upon receipt of detailed information from the commanders of the Japanese units operating in the Hwaian sector. The Press Bureau announced that the matter was settled following presentation of a written statement apologising for and admitting certain acts done to give the enemy valuable military information.

The written statement was turned over to the Japanese authorities by a representative of the American Presbyterian Mission at Hwaian.

Aiding New Fourth
According to the information from Hwaian, mopping-up operations against the New Fourth Army have been under way. Suspicions were aroused that information of strategic value were being sent to the enemy through the Presbyterian Mission at Hwaian. Investigations commenced on July 31 revealed that the hospital attached to the Mission was being used by anti-Japanese elements and Chinese Communists to gather information regarding Japanese movements.

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Later Sir Archibald visited another aerodrome where the crews of Wellington bombers were being briefed over before taking off for Duisburg. He heard all the detailed instructions given to the crews and then said: "It is the Bomber Command which is going to be the main instrument of victory. It is the fighters who saved us from defeat last autumn and it is the bombers who are going to smash the war industries of Germany and break the will to win of the German people."

Help To Russia
"The work which you are doing now and have been doing during the past weeks is of particular importance because it relieves the weight of attack upon Russia. The Government, Parliament and I, too, sure, the people of this country want to bring the greatest possible help to the Russians in their struggle. The pressure which you exert upon the economic life of Germany, these attacks on the Ruhr where you are going to-night and where the great war industries of Germany are situated, attacks on communication between the Ruhr and the east, your thrusts at the military power of Germany will be a direct relief to the Russians in the battle in the east."

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Courage Praised
"That is the importance of the task which you have been carrying out lately and will be carrying out to-night. I commend you for the courage and skill and determination which you have shown in doing it. The work which you have done and are doing will be an example and an inspiration to new crews now coming forward for the greater Bomber Command."

Classics Quoted By Shepherds
LONDON, June 7.—Scottish shepherds have no monopoly of the classical learning. Recently overheard was a conversation between one of our West country shepherds and a former sheep-banning the lateness of the spring and the bad growing weather.

"Don't worry, master," rejoined the shepherd, "it will be all right presently when Phoebe comes."

Now Phoebe has come and it is all right. The red landscape is rapidly turning green.

large number of tanks and trucks and several aircraft were destroyed or captured.

During the fighting along the lower Dnieper, the Germans crushed the Soviet forces into a narrow space along the river bank inflicting heavy casualties. German artillery and bombers prevented the attempts made by the Russians to reach the other side of the river in ferries.

Central Ukraine
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BERLIN, Aug. 17 (UP).—To-day's communique states that in the central Ukraine, German troops in co-operation with Hungarian units occupied the big industrial centre of Nikolaiyev which is also an important naval base.

Under pressure of unrelenting pursuit east of the Bug river, the defeated enemy is disintegrating more and more. The booty in war material and the number of prisoners are steadily rising.

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